

The Mediator is in receipt of fifty- ; time and think it only fair to say that six letters this week, written by sub- in some respects I have changed my scribers and others interested in the mind. Your reporters I feel have had paper and its policy. Many are un- a better opportunity to watch the efsigned for obvious reasons, none of fects of prohibition than have we of which we would think of publishing the cloth. I have been awakened with the exception of a single one, through your editorials and frontwhich becaues of its construction, page exposures and am willing to struck our funy elbow. For the most part these communications are writpart these communications are writ- worked out as I had expected. It ten in good faith and are properly does seem hard to change human OVER 3000 MAVERICKS signed, though not for publication. We are publishing four of these

know of the deep interest hundreds of people take in our fight against obnoxious prohibition and the side we take on things political, locally, state and national. We publish these few without any comment whatsoever in fact know nothing personally of the conditions the letters describe.

We print these principally to encourage others to write their views them appear .- Ed.) to the paper. Their names will be omitted if so desired.

The Mediator, Omaha, Nebraska, Gentlemen:

admit that possibly the law has not worked out as I had expected. It nature through the medium of law. I still think you are too brutally short letters that the public may frank and possibly premature in your studied diagnosis of the prohibition question.

Very Resp't'y Yours, B. J. M.

(The above communication was received from a prominent local divine who has not been afraid to investigate conditions as they are and not as he would personally like to have

Mediator Publishing Co. City:

May 4, .....923. Dear Sirs;

jump onto the many beer joints on Mr. Davidson, head of the member-Eighteenth, Nineteenth and Twenti- ship committee, says it will take

journey out to Krug park for the

row, entertain a great crowd of dyed-

fortunes and misfortunes of his well-

with every player confidently expect-

Meanwhile a word about amateur

or more fans attend the Sunday am-

ateur games at the various public

amusement seekers once more will

engagements.

eph Hummel.

the effort would not be in vain. The way was not clear at that time, a fact HAVE BEEN BRANDED that has always been regretted. He a chance and had that privilege when

After Samson had finished "figur- he took into his office I. J. Dunn and in'" up Thursday he found that more others. In the twenty-nine years that than half of the 6,000 mavericks had we have known him, this real master been rounded up and coralled in the of laws was always a leader in his profession and a genuine friend of greatest of all his Spring drives. Business men are taking an unusual boys that impressed him as being method of inducing their employees made of the right material.

to join this year. Scores of them are paying one-half their rmen's initiation fees and advancing the other half which is to be deducted from the pay envelope at a future time.

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INTERNATIONAL CART

DENNISON DOES NOT

It looks now as though nothing can stop the cow punchers from bringing son be watched. In order that none could effectively do the work of gas-How does it come that you never the entire six thousand into camp. of his men become contaminated. Those are not the exact words, but the meaning is all there. Dan has Some one called my attention to the streets, that is, those run in pri-some tall hustling for a few days but gone so far as to say he would not your publication about two years ago. ate houses along these streets? that it is a cinch the deed will be done, undertake to stop anybody from vis-I bought a copy at that time and was Nearly every one of them has at well done, when the roundup is iting Dennison. That is very natthoroughly disgusted with it. You least one lewd woman working the completed. Of the more than 3,000 ural for him. The fact remains that were roasting prohibition and even game and some of them have three mavericks now branded fully forty Mr. Butler has himself been seen then advocating a return to the old or four. You surely know about per cent of them have felt the siz- very often recently in that vicinity, which has aroused considerable specthe first ulation. It is apparent that Tom is

The real cause of prohibition in 'turing and putting on the market the United States is John D. Rocke- denatured alcohol at a good profit to felelr. This is proved conclusively themselves, still at low cost. This by Senator Edwin S. Broussard of would never do from Rockefeler's Louisiana, a square shooter and a standpoint. Much of the Standard man that strikes straight from the oil profits would be diverted to the shoulder, figuratively speaking. In farmer. But how to stop it. Only a remarkable speech in the senate a corporation lawyer could figure it last winter Senator Broussard laid out. It was figured out to a nicety bare facts and figures which are and the farmer was made the goat. startling in their nature and ring When the time came the agriculturtrue. He charges that indirectly ists were the very ones to cut their at all times wanted to give a poor boy Rockefeller and the Standard Oil in- own throats, when they thought they terests financed the long drawn out were doing the countrry a religious prohibition campaign, not from a and moral good. moral standpoint, but to further their At this time the Rockefellers and own selfish ends.

ests of the world, as well as the responsible heads of the various governments, came to the conclusion that sooner or later there would have to be developed a substitute for gas-CARE WHAT BUTLER SAYS oline for motive power. Experiments had come from the churches, whose Commissioner Butler has given or- along that line proved that commercders that the offices of Tom Denni- al alcohol was the one fluid that oline. But the trouble from a Standard oil standpoint was that it could be produced at less expense than gasoline. Aye, there was the rub.

Farmers raise the stuff out of tatoes, wheat, beets, in fact most any vegetable. The greater the demand lions were broadcasted, until they had for alcohol for industrial purposes, even the liberal element going, many

other oil interests gave their sup-As far back as 1906 the oil inter- port to the Anti-saloon league which was even then in fine working order from an organization standpoint. Until the Standard oil backers threw their support to Wayne B. Wheeler and his league, all financial support contributions had begun to decline. There was a storm brewing in the Anti camp as receipts diminished but the waters were quickly calmed when the Standard sprinkled barrels of oil on them in the way of cash.

The country was flooded with Anti-saloon propaganda, hundrerds of silver tongued orators were engaged. Lies and exagerations by the milthe greater the effort on the part of of whom voted for prohibition. The

saloon, if I interpreted your mean- some of them, and if you don't you zling branding iron for ing aright. I have been buying the ought to geta hep to yourself. If you time. (Continued on Page Three) paper on the newstands since that

# SUMMER SEASON TO FORMALLY OPEN AT KRUG PARK SATURDAY

Many New and Novel Attractions Offered to Amusement Loving Public-Amateur Baseball Gaining Strong Foothold-Buffaloes Are Making Good on Early Season Predictions-Other Sport News.

The "good time" lid on outdoor fun | Besides the extensive improvements, goes off Saturday with the opening including modern rest rooms and a of Krug Park for a five months run, long shelter shed in front of the park, every building has been given a new to be followed later by grand openings at other amusement parks. coat of paint. While thousands of people will

Boasting new amusement features and improvemets costing over \$200,-000, Krug Park will be in resplendent grand opening we expect to see Bar order for the big opening, which has ney Burch on the same day, tomoras a feature a high diving performance by Dr. Carver's two beautiful in-the-wool base ball fans who have trained diving horses.

These educated horses will make a 55-foot leap in a tank of water with balanced baseball club. Barney's the mysterious "Girl in Red" on boys are scheduled to open a threetheir backs, as one of the principal game series with Des Moines today, attractions tomorrow, opening ray.

The caterpillar, a thrill-producing ing to cop at least two of the three traction device, is one of the new attractions. The pleasure caterpillar, patterned after the famous tanks baseball wil not come amiss. We of helbentferlection now. used in the recent war, revolves in a ten wonder if the average man or circle, shooting its occupants high in woman of this city realize to what the air and then submerging them in extent "sand lot" base ball has taken a trick covering.

The caterpillar produces all the thrills that the dough boys got when on the national game can hardly rethey rumbled over the top in their alize that as many as six thousand iron clad chariots to charge the Hindenburg line.

The "big dop", or roller coaster, parks. This speaks well, not only for offer dips that will send its patrons the local teams, but of the park manaway with a tingle in their veins agement under the direction of Josafter a series of 60-foot dips.

A growing demand for "more and After a long winter of indoor more thrills" by the public caused sports in which boxing matches have the park management to increase the held the center of the stage, Omaha drops in the structure.

Union labor has been employed at trek to the amusement and baseball company, now Joe says he is going boys raised a nice jack pot for an old aha the third city in the United States the year round. In the spring and the Kruk park for more than two park for a season of summer sports to stick to Kelley pool or open up a man that was all in but his shoe in park area per capita. In the sysmonths putting the place in shape. and recreations.

than anybody else. He is vacationing WHEN JOHN J. O'CONNOR DIED in the east for a month, which indi-YOUTH LOST A REAL FRIEND cates how much he cares for these The recent death of John J. O'Connor came as a distinct shock to the community, even though his failing health during the past few weeks indicated that the end was not far dis tant. The acting editor of the paper

was especially grieved to learn of his demise, through a personal friendship that was cemented years ago. Back in 1894 Mr. O'Connor invited,

under him, promising that eventually oming.

reports or anything else that Mr. Butler says or does. GIVE OMAHA FIRMS BUSINESS The firm of Peterson, Shirley and

Gunther, railroad contractors, are certainly giving Omaha business men a lot of business in connection with in fact urged, the writer to study law their construction work out in Wy-

Doings In Omaha Fifty Years Ago

Commissioner Charley Unitt was A popular South Omaha packing | house man had an unexpected call still opposing the elimination of the from his old friend, Jim Jamerson, "Death curve." He was also opposed an authority on Vacuum Cleaners. to Anna Victorium and lumber that followed with unusual interest the Jim found nobody home but a little cost money.

thing like that didn't keep him from Carey-ing on and off a little.

The traffic cop at Fifteenth and Farnam had thought it great fun to Johnnie Hauessner had been nebawl the daylights out of a new drivgotiating for a Pierced-Arrow in er for a slight infraction of the trafwhich he contemplated driving out in fic laws of which the man at the thinks the fish ought to be biting would have sounded better and had

better results.

Prohibition sleuths had arrested Lots of the boys out around Carter Charley Miller, the Vinton street root in Greater Omaha. Old timers druggist after they had found three Lake who had been singin' "Aint we who have not kept up to the minute hundred gallons of alleged acohol, Got Fun" have changed it to "How Dry I Am."

arrest a man for.

Charles York had left for Kansas

On the first lap of the race the on the advice of his physician who South Omaha Longhorns had nosed had offices in the Federal building. remodeled at a cost af \$30,000, will the quality of baseball as played by out Tom Quinlin's Hogtiers but Tom It was figured out that the climate was a long distance runner and was at Fort Leavenworth was about and Martin. Band concerts are held in the various parks under the direcprobably saving some of his stuff for right.

the finish. King Ak said it was a

great race. '

running a baseball pool by Andy and by Patrol Conductor Rishling the \$2,000,000. This vast area makes Om-Ping-pong game. strings.

farmers not only to raise bigger less interested in the whole thing crops but to co-operate in manufac-

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# **OMAHA THIRD IN UNITED STATES** IN PER CAPITA PARK AREA

Park and Boulevard System Under Commissioner Hummel Is One of Best Maintained in the Country-Twenty-three Public and Two Private Amusement Parks-To Know Omaha Citizens Should Visit Each Park.

A great majority of Omaha people | reation; there are thirteen supervised "take in" two or three parks during playgrounds equipped for all out of the season and seem to think they dor games, as well as green houses, have done their duty to themselves various species of trees, flowers and and to their rfamilies. If you would birds peculiar to this climate which know Omaha properly you must know are valuable as an example for nature its parks. Here is a list of parks and study. The system is connected by outdoor armusement places that all 25 miles of houlevard.

should visit during the summer. free golf course, and beautiful droves. to coast.

cause of its popularity with picnicers.

Other popular parks include Bemis,

Omaha began the establishment of Krug Park, Military Avenue, prin- a park system in 1854 with Jefferson cipal amusement park in the city; Square, at that time in the heart of Lake Manawa, Council Bluffs, boat- the business district, when it was set ing and bathing; Riverview Park, aside for a public park. The square near Missouri river, famous for its is still maintained and a public bath fast growing "zoo." Fontenelle, pop- house, where free soap and towels are ular as a recreational center. Mil- furnished to thousands of men and ler Park, the pride of Omaha, has a boys annually, is known from coast

Hanscom Park is, next to Jefferson Hanscom Park, containing 57.69 the state on a fishing expedition. John wheel was ignorant. A kind word Square, the oldest in the city and acres, was donated to the city in 1872 still retains its natural beauty. Levi and from year to year has been im-Carter Park is the largest park in the proved, yet keeping its original and system, having an area of 303 acres natural beauty until today it is one with a lake covering more than two of the prettiest in the system. A nahundred acres. Elmwood Park con- tional park expert has declared this tains 200 acres and is known thru- park to be the fourth most beautiful

out the west as the "Picnic Park" be- park in the United States.

Since that early date the system has grown gradually from its original Deer park, Kountze, -Curtis-Turner, cost of \$481,964.15 to its prersent val-Gifford, Mercer, Himebaugh, Spring uation. Nearly \$1,000,000 have been Lake, Highland, McKinley, Clearview spent in improvements in the parks, such as pavilions, green houses, band stands, seats, flower beds, permanent paving, sidewalks, lagoons and water Omaha maintains a park sstem of systems. In this great park area

police down at the station to do the twenty-three parks, containing 1,400 eight parks and a portion of another were donated to the city.

> Omaha parks are used practically summer there are the usual out-of-(Continued on Page Four)

You had to leave it to some of the Joe Herrick had been arrested for right thing at the right time. Headed acres; a total valuation estimated at

tem may be found every out-door rec-

tion of the City Concert Club.

which seemer like a small amount to

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### NEW YORK GOES WET

When the State legislature of New York voted, very decisively, to repeal the prohibition law of that commonwealth, a severe blow was dealt prorhibition and the forces back of the Eighteenth Amendment. The Act does not sound the death knell of prohibition but it will prove a wedge for an opening against Volsteadism.<sup>\*</sup> The elected representatives of the Empire state read the will and mind of their constituents and acted accordingly.

The repeal of the New York state prohibition enforcement act means a great deal to the millions in this country who have consistently and persistently fought prohibition as it has been officially interpreted through the Volstead enforcement act. It means that one state has elected a set of representatives who dare act for the people they represent, and are unafraid to pioneer along this line. Other states are sure to follow the lead of New York and it will require united action by but a few of the densely populated states of the east to forrce favorable action looking to the modification of the Volstead act by the next national congress.

It took only the united action of a small minority of prohibition workers plus a bunch of rotten highbinding grafters, working as officers of the Anti-saloon league, to force the obnoxious law on the entire ciuntry, which came about largely through a national state of mind brought on by the war and the effect of war.

Now that the great majority of people have gone back to a state of normalcy and have profited by a few years of actual experience under prohibition as it has been practiced, or rather as it has not been practiced, they are sure to back up their representatives in any honest effort to repeal the enforcement act whn such a bill is introduced.

So far as New York state is concerned it will now be necessary for the government to furnish all the enforcement officers.



The state is wet. That is, so far as the local government is concerned. It is now against the law of the state for a police officer, a county officer or a state agent to make arrests of persons selling booze. This comes about automatically as the Empire state on the prohibition question is back to where it was before prohibition became a law. Thus the government will be forced to send hundreds of sleuths to that state in addition to those on the ground if they wish to make even a pretense at law enforcement.

When various other legislatures meet they are sure to follow the lead of New York. New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Illinois, and other naturally wet commonwealths will be very apt to repeal the law, and when that happens it should not be hard to convince congress that the people are not only willing but are insistent that the Volstead enforcement act must be changed so that the common people can once more get their wine or beer without breaking the law, a thing that is now being done a million times between the rising and the setting of the sun.

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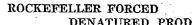
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result is ancient history.

feller interests were too wise to openly put anything into the Amendment concerning reference to any curtailment of alcohol for commercial purposes but the oil iterests knew how came.

is putting it mildly. They have forfor John D's great interest in prohibition.

bureaus for the enforcement act got busy with regulations that made it all but impossible for any one to distill denatured alcohol except at an almost prohibitive price. (It now costs sixty cents, while it is probable that a good profit could be made on gasoline at fifteen cents.)

These regulations make it a crime, a penitentiary offense, for the farmer that made the law possible, to take his grain, potatoes, even the unsalable rotted grains, and turn them into industrial alcohol at a good profit to himself and of untold benefit to the ten million automobile owners and others that would benefit from low cost motive power. The enforcement sections of the law and the rulings of the various bureaus say in effect that every farmer in the country would turn bootlegger if he were allowed to manufacture commercial alcohol; it is an untrue indictment. But agriculture fostered it upon themselves and must pay until they are willing to acknowledge their mistake and help rectify it at the polls.

## MEDIATOR IN RECEIPT

are going to tell about some of them down town why don't you tell it all. Again I ask you, Why don't you

(If the writer knows so much about these places, she should have been more explicit. There are possibly five thousand such places in the city and the editors of the paper, the police or any one else would find it

City,

Omaha, Neb.

Dear Sirs: If you want to burn up Dan Butler ride him about the joint just across the street from the So. High School, 4602 So. 24, run by (two men) selling booze and gambling and a hangout for bootleggers who

## VOID A PART OF THE

Physicians in states where liquor may be prescribed were interested in liquor to a person as he thought best Volstead act which limits such





# THRILLS AND DRAMA IN KNOCK **OUT PICTURE AT THE EMPRESS**

shown at the Empress theatre comof a spectacular nature-a disaster the two men. at sea, one ship crashing into another and sinking; a tornado ot swirling wind and pelting rain on eye. Her acting is always so conland and sea; a fight under water vincing, that however unreal a sitbetween a man and a shark; and a volcano, beautiful in its terribleness tirely possible. The story calls for and wonderful in its realism, hurls skyward the top of a mountain.

Equally epochal, stirring and tense this adaptation by Miss Baird of Miss Dorian Neve's stage drama, "All til Friday, May 18.

"Is Divorce a Failure?" to be dime." It is an after-divorce romance in which, by a curious trick of friends. Herman has a business of mencing Saturday, May 12, by and Fate-and a friend-the divorcee, her his own, and all his own, thank you. with Leah Baird, has been called a lover and her ex-husband are thrown Some of his friends have been con-"four punch picture." The count is together under circumstances that gratulating him that spring is here very conservative! It is true that scratch off the polish of civilization there are four tremendous punches and compare the genuine worth of

Miss Baird is, as always, womanly; intelligent, and charming to the uation may be, she makes it seem enthree men to use their fists against each other, and the fact that each man is a broad shouldered six-footer

are the dramatic punches in "Is Di- adds suspense to the scenes. They vorce a Failure?" In spite of the are Richard Tucker, Tom Santschi, timeliness of a divorce picture, when and Walter McGrail. All credit is uniform marriage and divorce laws due Wallace Worsley for some splenare being advocated for the United did direction. "Is Divorce a Fail-States, there is nothing preachy in ure?" is an Associated Exhibitors release and remains at the Empress un-

IN UNITED STATES IN

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In the fall there are football and

warly all winter. Skating alone in

these parks last year drew an attend-

There are spacious picnic grounds

All told the expenditure of the park

and boulevard system represents less

A fund of about \$140,000 a year is

PER CAPITA PARK AREA

OMAHA THIRD CITY

### RIALTO OFFERINGS

Huge Settings For "Isle of Lost Ships."

What is probably the largest ship door recreations-baseball, swimming interior ever constructed on a mov- and boating, wading, play apparatus, able (rocker) platform was built at (for the youngsters), tennis, and the United Studios in Hollywood for borseshoe pitching. "The Isle of Lost Ships," a First National attraction, produced by C. M. other sports. In the winter there are Levee and personally directed by coasting, tabogganing, curling and Maurice Tourneur. The production, skating. In the past two years the which is declared to be one of the winters have been so mild that many most unusual ever filmed, is coming solf fans have been able to play golf to the Rialto theatre next week, beginning Sunday.

The interior set-a replica of the ance of 300,000. dining salon of a trans Atlantic liner -was constructed on a platform and ovens where picnic parties may weighing eighteen tons and set on cook their meals at any time. Going twenty rockers that permitted the en- to the parks in early morning and tire set to pitch and sway as a ship preparing breakfast is quite popular, would in a terrific gale. The plat- particularly at Elmwood Park, where form was held by cables to the roof, special attention has been given to sides and floor of one of the largest this feature. All parks are carefully stages in the studio. It required fif- supervised, policed and maintained in ty men to "rock the boat." They an excellent sanitary condition. Hunwere under the command of Scott R. dreds of amateur baseball teams play Beal, chief assistant to and produc- regularly scheduled games during the tion manager for Tourneur. Beal de- haseball season. For those who do clared that the production offered not care for the more strenuous more technical problems than any sports nature in all her beauty is picture heretofore produced at the ever present. studio, where many of the biggest successes have been filmed.

"The Isle of Lost Ships" is a wierd than \$1,500,000, yet the real value of tale of the spot where, imprisoned in the holdings is many times that. the miles of kelp and sea weed that that form the Sargasso Sea, wrecks set aside for the maintenance of the and derelicts of centuries gone by, park system, with an additional apform a vast island of dead ships. propriation of \$120,000 for recreation. There are a few survivors on this These funds are distributed equally strange island, and the tale abounds among the parks, which with a subwith unusual features and dramatic stantial road fund from the county. possibilities which gave full oppor- makes it possible to keep improvetunity to Director Tourneur's genius. ments well in hand. Crittenden Marriott, famous writ-

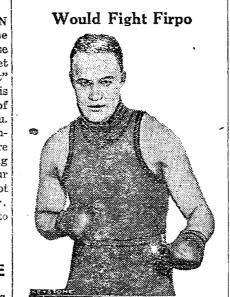
er of sea tales, is the author of the

HERMAN MONTFERING HAS BETTER WEATHER AGAIN Herman Montfering is back in the city after an extended trip to those parts of the earth known as "wet spots." Herman did not get "wet" but almost so, according to his again, and that the roads are getting better. If Herman is not one of our regular subscribers, he does not know what he is missing. His stor. is worth telling, and we are going to tell it soon.

## ONION'S VALUE AS MEDICINE

For Many Ailments There Is Nothing That Will Get as Good Results In Short Time.

The sweet Italian or the Bermuda onions are the ones to be eaten au naturel, their flavor being much more delicate than that of the common va-But onions are really sweetrieties. eners of the breath after the local effects have passed away, as they correct stomach disorders and carry off the accumulated poisons of the sys-They provide a blood purifier that all may freely use, and do perfect work in constipation troubles. As a vermifuge the onion cannot be surpassed, and, eaten raw, will often check a violent cold in the head. One small onion eaten every night before retiring is a well-known doctor's prescription for numerous affections of the head, and is highly recommended for sleeplessness; it acts on the nerves in a soothing way, without the injurious effects of the drugs so often applied. The heart of an onlon, heated and placed in the ear, will often relieve the agony of earache, while the sirup procured from sprinkling a sliced onion with sugar and baking in the oven will work wonders in a "croupy" child.



dry weight champion, is anxious to meet Luis Firpo, the South American "sock king," who defented Fill ' cernar recently.

### Scientists Find Use for Macerated Bills

Washington, D. C .-- Government scientists are working with success in their efforts to retain the paper in the millions of dollars in worn and unfit United States paper currency, which is cut up and pulped every day by the treasury. By a de-inking process they are now getting a fairly clean product in reclaiming the paper, and it is believed the economy will be important, even if the result can be used only for wrapping paper, inasmuch as two or three tons of paper currency is macerated at the treasury every day. The bills destroyed are those be-

yond cleaning by the treasury's laun-dry, which daily washes and irons Tool of bavages.

Chisels of sharp flint have always





story. In the cast are such excellent players as Milton Sills, Walter Long, Anna Q. Nilsson and Frank Campeau.

#### STRAND PICTURES

### Nita Naldi and John Daly Murphy **Renew Love in Picture**

Nita Naldi"s first stage sweethean was John Daly Murphy, who has a leading part in this noted Paramount player's newest picture, "You Can't Fool Your Wiffe," which will be seen at the Strand theatre next Sunday and for one week following.

Nita's first appearance on the legigtimate stage was in "The Bonehead," wherein John Daly Murphy, the well knkown comedian, though married in the play, made love to the beautifful siren, much to the distrerss of his unattractive stage wife. In "You Can't Fool Your Wife," Miss Naldi and Mr. Murphy resume the love affair of their common stage appearance several years agog, right where they left off. The intervening years were mererly a slight interruption, and in spite of the disapproval of Mr. Murphy's present wife, he is again a victim of the charming Miss Naldi"s wiles. Leatrice Joy, Lewis Stone and Pauline Garorn are featured with Miss Naldi in this attractive photoplay.

When William Jennings Bryan becomes a bootlegger-When Mrs. Mallory defeats Mlle. Lenglen-When the boys get their bonus-When Rockefeller goes to the poorhouse Then-You can fool your wife. "You Can't Fool Your Wife" to

be shown at the Strand beginning Sunday for one week. PERSONAL

EDITH: Come back. I'm sorry I lied to you. I realize now that you cant fool your wifef. "MAC."

