

LAW INVADES LITTLE LAND

Twin Midgets Are Haled to Court For Habeas Corpus Hearing.

"We want to go with Mr. Schaeffer; we don't like Mr. Rose." This is not a suggestion for a popular song title. It is the song sung by Matthew and Bela Matina, twin midgets, when they took the stand Thursday afternoon in Judge P. H. Price's court to testify in the habeas corpus proceedings instituted by the Rose to require their possession from Charles Schaeffer.

Three Feet High, Weigh 50 Pounds. Matthew and Bela stood side by side on the witness stand, barely three feet in height and weighing less than 50 pounds each. They sat in a row on a bench further back in the court room were five more midgets of various ages and sizes, together with several other show people and a score of interested spectators. They all lowered the six feet of Judge Price, interested and amused. It was the annual of the old courthouse.

Small Town Stuff. "Why don't you go with Mr. Rose?" asked attorney Charles Owen for the defense, addressing himself to the twins. "The very bad man," answered midgets. "You want to stay with Mr. Schaeffer?" "No, it's too small town for me." The crowd laughed and Judge Price smiled before calling for order. "Wouldn't you like to see your father and mother and your little brothers?" asked Eugene L. Harris, attorney for Mr. Rose.

Likes to Hide. "I like to see my little brothers, but I like to stay here best. I like to go from town to town." Both boys declared they were well treated by Schaeffer and were satisfied with his lot. The Rose, theatrical manager, appeared in El Paso several days ago with what purports to be a copy of attorney document signed by the father of the Matina boys, a tailor in a small Hungarian town. On the stand Thursday afternoon he declared the midgets to be the children of the Rose and to take them back to Hungary.

Pinched by Scotland Yard. In the cross examination Harris stated that he had had difficulty in getting into Hungary because of the war. "You were arrested several times as a spy, were you not?" asked Mr. Owen. "I was once taken for a spy. I was detained for five minutes in Scotland Yard," he replied.

Fraternity of Midgets. Charles Schaeffer on the stand, stated that he got Matthew and Bela Matina, as well as their brother, Lasko, another midget 27 years of age, under contract dated July, 1912. He had had the midgets nearly three years. He had taken good care of them and was home every week. He had 100 crowns per month the first year to the parents and 120 crowns the second year, he said. He sent the money to his wife in Hungary and she turned it over to the parents.

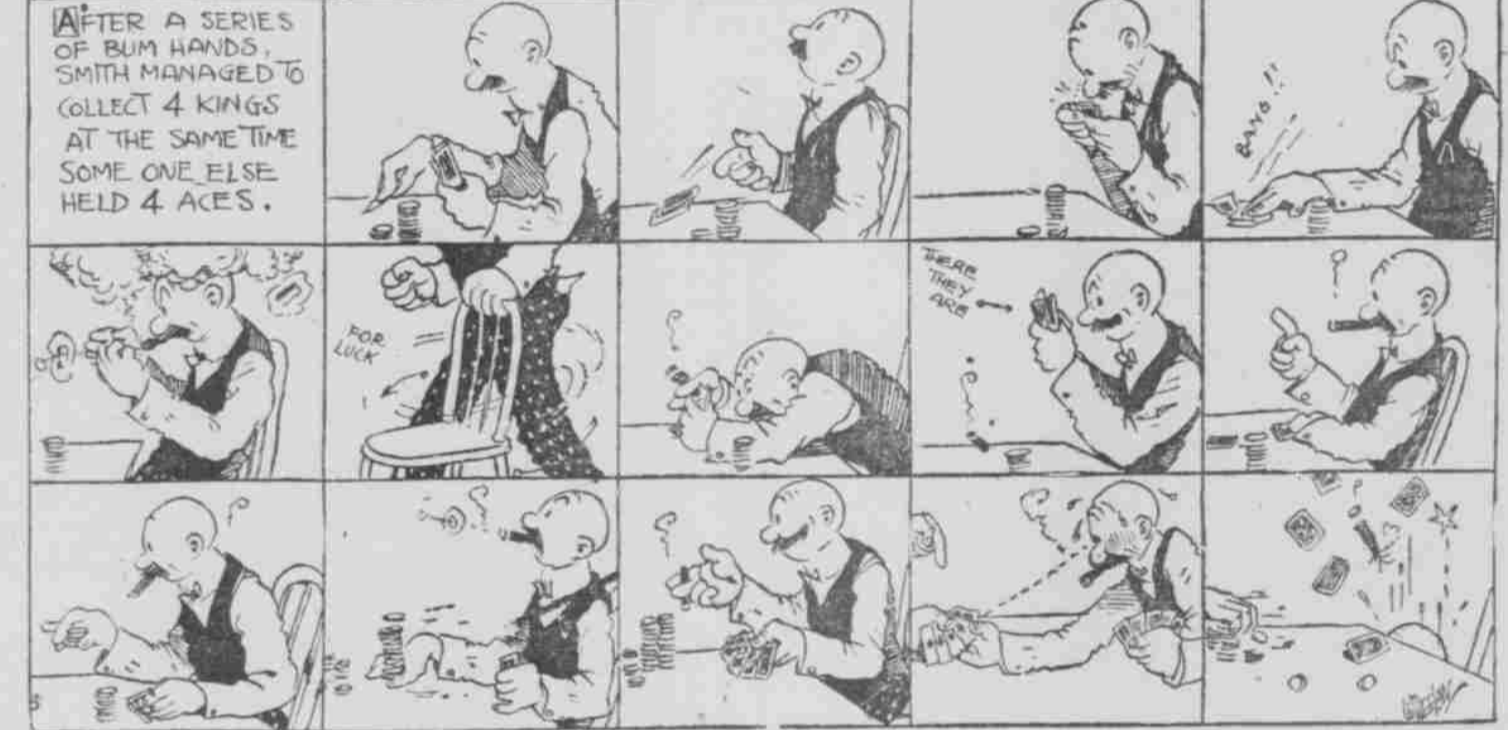
How to Act. George Heros, another midget, climbed into the witness chair, long enough to tell his story. He and the other midgets are treated by Schaeffer. He knew Mr. Rose, he said. "He told us we weren't putting on a good show," the witness said. "He said if we were his he'd show us how to act."

Continued Until Saturday. K. Maniatis declared that he had known Ripen in Europe. "He told me," the witness said, "that if I could not charge of the little boys he would make it worth my while."

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Strawberries and Spring Arrive

Fine, Big Red Berries Remind El Pasoans of Mexico Before the Days of the Revolutions, When They Had Strawberries in Winter.

FRESH, juicy strawberries are making their spring bow on the market stalls. This week, a remainder of the days before Mexico had its epidemic of revolutions, when strawberries flourished on the tables and dessert menus of El Pasoans the entire year round.

The strawberries are unexpectedly cheap. In the wholesale markets the valley farmers are beginning to send in their produce of fresh spinach and bunches of various radishes. Fresh spring carrots are just beginning to replace the winter supply on the market and the wholesalers are paying 25 cents per dozen for them. Apples are a new arrival on the retail market, and bell peppers are also new arrivals.

Florida fruits and vegetables are giving way to East Texas fruits and vegetables here. The market list for the week is as follows:

Table listing various market items and their prices, including oranges, lemons, limes, and various vegetables.

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Valuable Health Hints

The Roosevelt Conservation Commission on national vitality indicated in their report that in the United States every year there are 600,000 deaths which should not have occurred.

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