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JAMES E. FERGUSON IS NOW GOVERNOR

Austin, Texas, Jan. 19.—Today, for the third time in the history of the State, a native Texan became Governor of Texas, and for the first time a native Texan became Lieutenant Governor. The inauguration ceremonies before a joint session of the House and Senate in the hall of the House were witnessed by a crowd that filled every foot of space on floor and galleries; in fact, a crowd that captured most of the seats reserved for the Senate, and left members of that body taking standing-room luck with others.

The inauguration of James E. Ferguson as Governor and Will P. Hobby as Lieutenant Governor may fitly be described as brief, direct and to the point, the shortest inaugural ceremony in the history of the State, it is believed. The joint session convened at high noon; about fifteen minutes was taken to call the rolls and read the resolution authorizing the joint session, and at 12:40 adjournment was taken. Thus the entire inauguration, including the speeches, lasted about twenty-five minutes.

The Bible held by Governor Ferguson and Lieutenant Governor Hobby, as Associate Justice Nelson Phillips of the Supreme Court administered to them the oaths of office, is a leather-covered book, yellow and faded with age. It was used in the Republic of Texas in 1840, according to tradition, and it is known that every Governor of the State of Texas has taken the oath of office upon this self-same volume.

Incoming Gov. James E. Ferguson and retiring Governor O. B. Colquitt sat together upon the speaker's stand, but probably for the first time upon such an occasion, the retiring Governor did not introduce his successor. This is of no political significance. The customary program simply was not followed.

Senator Nugent, president pro tempore of the Senate, did not introduce Governor Colquitt, to introduce Governor Ferguson, but presented Governor Ferguson directly himself.

Governor Ferguson's Address
Governor Ferguson spoke as follows:

"Ladies, Gentlemen, Senators and Representatives—The dignity of this occasion is only exceeded by its solemn significance.

"We speak of dignity because we behold here the presence of our respected judiciary, and the honored representatives of a great people, ready to join hands with an humble servant in a common purpose.

"This occasion is solemn because the obligation and duties here assumed, though bestowed with honor, carry with them grave burdens and responsibilities.

"That we will make mistakes is but to state that we are human. But with a trusting faith in my people, I predict that when your labors have ended that each and every one of you can look the world in the face and challenge any mortal man to point to even one mistake of the heart.

"Gentlemen of the Legislature, somehow or other, or somehow else, I know not why, there comes to me an irrefragable presentiment that I am go-

ing to like you. I hope you will like me. "If you love me, as I love you, Nothing can cut our love in two." "I want you to let me come to see you, and I want you to come to see me. And when you call at my office, in the language of that old familiar tune, I want you to 'Just come right in, sit right down, and make yourself at home.'"—Dallas News.

R. L. Tankersley Moves to El Paso.

R. L. Tankersley and family moved to El Paso this week, leaving here on Tuesday morning with all their household effects. Mr. Tankersley sold his town property here, consisting of a nice residence with modern conveniences, barn and several out houses, together with several acres of land, to Dr. R. A. Petty.

The Tankersley family are residents of Graham of long standing and leave behind many friends to regret their departure. While we regret to lose this good family, we unite with other friends in wishing them every joy and much prosperity in the Golden West.

Work of Auditing Progressing.

The work of auditing the county's books is going merrily on, and the books and accounts of the county clerk have been gone over, and in a few days the work in this department will be completed. The auditors are also working on the county treasurer's books at this time.

Mr. Jno. S. Oglesby, of Dallas, with whom the contract was made to audit the books, states that so far he has found nothing to hamper the work and that when the audit is complete, the citizens of Young county will be able to get a full report of the expenditures of the county's funds for the period which the audit covers.

Attention U. C. V's.

You are hereby requested and urged to be present at our next regular meeting, the first Saturday in February, 1915. Our meeting will be held in the County Judge's office. Important business to be attended to and bear in mind that our annual dues should be paid at once. An effort will be made to have one or more of our friends to deliver an address at this time.

While the members of our Camp would be somewhat surprised, yet they would all be delighted to have some of the U. D. C's. to meet with us.

Respectfully,
F. Herron, Adjt.

Fry Gets Several Committee Appointments.

Representative Judge E. W. Fry, of this city, who represents the 99th district in the Legislature, shared in the committee honors handed out by Speaker Woods Monday.

Judge Fry was made chairman of the committee on examination of comptroller's and treasurer's claims and accounts, and vice chairman of penitentiaries.

Besides the chairmanship and vice-chairmanship he received appointment on the following committees:

Judiciary, public lands and land office, public buildings and grounds, federal relations, contingent expenses.

Bridge on Dry Creek.

In our report of new bridges last week we failed to make note of a new bridge to be built across Dry Creek on the Bryson road.

ATTENTION TO LAW IS CALLED.

Internal Revenue Office Cites Section of Federal War Tax Measure Relative to Cancellation of Stamps.

Attention again was called yesterday by the Dallas office of the Internal Revenue Department to a section of the Federal war tax measure relating to the cancellation of war tax stamps. This section of the law, which is being violated daily, according to the Revenue Department, relates to the cancellation of revenue stamps to the value of 10c and over. The law says:

"Stamps to the value of 10c or more shall have three parallel incisions made by some sharp instrument lengthwise through the stamp after the stamp has been attached to the document. Provided, This will not be required where stamps are canceled by perforation."

The reason for this provision of the law is that when war tax stamps were issued in 1898 many of the used stamps were "washed" and used over again. The Government intended to prevent a repetition of this practice, hence it provided that those not perforated in cancellation should be cut through.

This feature of the law was not generally understood, and as a result hundreds of stamps of the value of 10c and over have been canceled simply by the ordinary method, that is, writing the date and the initials of the user across their face in ink. This constitutes a violation of the law as much as illegal sale or theft of the stamps, and is subject to the same penalty.—Dallas News.

Beckham Bank's President.

Last week in reporting the election of officers of the Beckham National Bank we failed to include the election of the president, Capt. S. R. Crawford. The omission occurred because of the failure of the type-setting machine to cast the line that was set naming Capt. Crawford as president.

This is the twelfth successive term as president for Capt. Crawford, he having been elected to this position in April, 1904. In this time there have been lean years and fat years, and Capt. Crawford has steered the Beckham Bank's affairs in a straight line, always for the good of the people of this section of the country. He has made the bank just what an institution of this kind should be, a help to the needy, and a safe depository for funds of hundreds of citizens.

Mr. R. E. Lynch, re-elected as cashier, is now serving his sixth successive term, having been first elected as cashier in February, 1910. His genial manner and good business ability has made many friends for the bank.

Messrs. Deats and McClatchy, assistant cashiers, have been with the bank for the past two years, and have made many friends of the customers of this institution.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Padgett of Fort Worth spent Saturday and Sunday in the city visiting Mr. Padgett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Padgett. Claude was recently hurt in a train wreck on the Frisco near Ft. Worth but has almost recovered from his injuries. The express car in which he was riding fell thirty feet to the bottom of the creek bed, rendering him unconscious. Fortunately there was no water in the creek or he would have drowned, as it was some time after the accident happened before he could be taken out of the wreck.

U. D. C's. Give Entertainment.

On last Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 19, from 3 to 6 o'clock, the United Daughters of Confederacy of Graham entertained in a most charming manner, at the home of Mrs. S. R. Jeffery, honoring the ex-Confederate soldiers of Young county.

This day is the anniversary of the birth of their great leader of former days, Robert E. Lee, and the annual recurrence is marked by a "live fest" for the soldiers of the gray.

The whole lower floor of the beautiful Jeffery home was transformed into an appropriate rallying-place for the gray-haired soldiers of the "Lost Cause." Confederate flags fluttered about the rooms, affording many sad and tender reminiscences, while two large Texas flags held place of honor in the reception hall.

The U. D. C. colors, red and white, dominated the entire color scheme. A room had been especially prepared for comfort, an open fire and easy chairs, where the "Johnnies" of '61 might smoke in peace and fight the old battles over. This annual gathering is marked by tears as well as smiles, since the roll-call is briefer with every twelve-month. Since the last Lee celebration, seven of the band have responded to the last "tattoo" (lights out).

Rev. Gaines B. Hall opened a short program with prayer and was followed by an address by Rev. J. Hall Bowman, in his usual felicitous manner. Delightful piano numbers were contributed by Miss Adele Jeffery and Mrs. John B. Wood, and an excellent reading, by Miss Juanita Adair. A splendid talk by Rev. B. F. Stallings was very much enjoyed. Perhaps the most appreciated number was the able rendition of the poem "Echoes of Confederacy" by Mrs. Chas. Widmayer. This poem was written by H. L. Piner, a poet of reputation, and is written in observance of Lee's birthday, and is replete with Southern heroism. We regret that space forbids the reproduction of the poem here. Will and Myrtle Wallace sang "Tenting Tonight," that sweet old favorite of every soldier.

In the dining room, a table eighteen feet long, bore covers for every soldier present and their wives. This table was served three times. Confederate flags were in evidence in decoration. A pound cake, baked by Grandmother Washburn, who is eighty-six years of age, attracted much attention and occupied a place of honor. Savory turkey, ham, salads, pickles, cakes of every variety, and drip coffee were served bounteously. The "Daughters" take this opportunity of thanking the John E. Morrison company for their donation of excellent coffee and napkins and W. O. Clark for the delicious "country-made" ham. At the conclusion of the feast, the soldiers were photographed by Dr. Chism. The following veterans were present, with their ages:

John H. Wood, 74; Frank Herron, 67; W. M. Matthews, 69; Dr. R. A. Petty, 71; A. O. Norris, 68; C. Stoffers, 74; R. E. Mabry, 71; G. C. Boyle, 71; W. D. Harrell, 71; O. E. Allen, 74; T. W. T. Woodward, 68; J. W. Still, 68; J. W. Horner, 70; W. M. Stanford, 69; Henry Campbell, 74; E. K. Murdock, 73; W. H. Nichols, 84; R. W. J. Parsons, 70; A. C. White, 70; W. J. Hughes, 73; J. M. Harris, 66; J. L. McCord, 68; G. W. Carlton, 73.

"God be With You" was sung in farewell.

J. M. French and family are visiting at Loving this week.

GIRL GROWS RECORD CROP.

Miss Emma D. Stokes of Henderson Awarded Prize by Texas Industrial Congress.

Miss Emma D. Stokes of Henderson, Rusk County, was the champion peanut grower of Texas for 1914, according to the records of the Texas Industrial Congress. Miss Stokes is 14 years of age and lives on a rural route a few miles from Henderson. Along with some thousands of Texas boys and girls she entered the Peanut Club contest of the Texas Industrial Congress, open to boys and girls under 20 years of age.

Early in December the committee on awards had found that Miss Stokes had raised 11,294 pounds of merchantable peanuts on one acre of ground and that her net profit was \$99.39, the cost of production being \$2.70 a ton. Thereupon the congress wrote her and without advising her of her success, invited her to attend its meeting in Dallas Dec. 19.

The day before prizes were publicly awarded a letter was received by the Congress from Miss Stokes, expressing her deep appreciation of the assistance she had received and in behalf of her brothers and sisters thanked the Congress for their interest in her work. She also asked about the work for the next year, obviously never suspecting she had won the first prize in the peanut class, a purse of \$300 in gold. Her letter closed with the statement that she and the other children would be unable to come to Dallas to the meeting of the Congress, as her father had broken his leg a few days before and the children would be needed at home to care for the stock and the farm while the father was incapacitated by his injury.—Dallas News.

LES HIBOUX

Mrs. Eugene Stovall entertained the Auction Bridge Club on Thursday afternoon. Four games were played. The hostess then served delicious pear and pineapple salad, olives, crackers and tea. The high score prize was given Mrs. Will Norman and the consolation fell to Miss Lillian Manning, a bath towel with crochets.

Those present: Mesdames F. Parrish, B. and Q. Street, M. K. Graham, H. Wadsworth, F. Arnold, W. Norman, H. Criswell, J. Gay, Misses Eula Logan, Aline Johnson and Zella Allen.

Farewell Party for Miss Winnie Tankersley.

Mrs. R. E. Lynch entertained her Sunday school class and a few others, with a surprise party in honor of Miss Winnie Tankersley, who with her parents, moved Tuesday to El Paso. Each girl was requested to bring a little gift for the honoree. Four games of Rook were played, after which the hostess assisted by Miss Lillian Manning, served a delicious course, consisting of pear salad, tea and crackers. Just before leaving the many dainty gifts were presented the honoree, who received each with pleasure and thanks.

Preaching at Eliasville.

Rev. Gaines B. Hall will preach at Eliasville Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Presbyterian Church.

Services Sunday morning and night. The Sunday school has shown decided increase of late. Come to either or all the services this next Sunday.

Gaines B. Hall, Minister.

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- 40 Rock Island 14-inch Sulky Plows, close-out price . . . \$27.50
- 15 Rock Island 6-plow Cultivators, close-out price . . . 27.50
- 7 Seven-blade Stalk Cutters, close-out price . . . 25.00
- 8 Double-Row Planters, "Case," close-out price . . . 32.50
- 8 Peerless Hacks, two seats, close-out price . . . 75.00

Don't overlook these Implements. I am also making close prices on Groceries, Hardware and Furniture.

D. G. VICK

