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J. Roy Hardin, on Old-Fashioned Democratic Platform, Is in Race For State Senator, 9th District

To the people of Henderson, Navarro, Anderson, Freestone and Kaufman counties:

I am a candidate for the state senate from this district.

I am a conservative, old-fashioned democrat and have stood consistently to the old-time principles of democracy.

For the past four years I have been a member of the legislature from Kaufman county.

In the legislature I have voted against more than fifteen million dollars of extravagance and waste. I have voted against every tax bill of every description. I deny that there has been any necessity for increasing the people's taxes.

I have opposed every proposed law that sought to restrict or supervise any man's conduct or business. We have too many such laws already.

I have supported every appropriation for the common free schools, and particularly for the rural schools. I have not supported all the demands of the higher educational institutions because they demanded too much.

The state is spending enough money on education, but is not spending it in the right way. Too much is being spent at the top and not enough at the bottom. Our greatest need along this line is to help the little country districts that are not able to take care of themselves. Also the state should give additional assistance to the development of high schools in small towns and rural districts.

I am 36 years old, was born and raised on a Kaufman county farm, was educated at Valparaiso university and the University of Michigan. I have been a farmer most of my life and have never had another interest than that of the farmer. Therefore I feel that I understand the needs of the agricultural interests. In the legislature I have tried to be the friend of the farmer, also

I have tried to be the friend of the banker and business man and the capitalist, the railroad and the inter-urban. They are all factors in our complicated economic system and all of them are necessary to the prosperity of our great state. We need them all and I think the old-time democratic principles of less restriction, less regulation and less taxation is best for all.

I believe in local self government and that our local institutions should be protected and preserved. I opposed the officers' removal bill and all such schemes of long range government.

I believe in state rights and am opposed to every form of 50-50 federal aid. The right of the state of Texas to administer its own affairs should never be surrendered to the federal government.

I am unalterably opposed to the Ku Klux Klan. I mean no reflection on its members for they are as honest as other men are. But the Klan stands upon a basis that is fundamentally false and it should never be permitted to control our government.

I supported Joe Bailey against Pat Neff four years ago. Two years ago I supported Fred Rogers for governor, and supported Ferguson against Mayfield for the senate. I shall probably vote for Farmer Jim for governor if his name is on the ticket. He says he'll put the skates under that spending crowd at Austin and that's just exactly what ought to be done. My second choice is T. W. Davidson, third choice Lynch Davidson, last choice Felix Robertson. Underwood is my choice for president. I am in favor of retiring Senator Morris Sheppard. I have never supported Pat Neff and never expect to.

From the foregoing you can tell in a general way what I would stand for if elected your state senator.

Respectfully,
J. ROY HARDIN.

Democratic National Convention Largest Political Gathering

Assembly in New York Next Month Will be Record Breaker for Crowds and Interest to People

Accommodations for delegates, journalists and visitors at the democratic national convention in New York contemplate the largest political gathering in the history of the country. And that, it is already clearly foreseen, is just what it will be.

Madison Square Garden will undergo complete reconstruction that will increase its capacity and facilities. For one thing, the biggest platform ever provided for a convention will be built on the Twenty-seventh street side of the garden. This will provide room for 300, so that a large number of the most notable and representative democrats in the country will have places before the delegates and visitors during the sessions of the convention. This platform will be sufficiently high to enable all the delegates, alternates and visitors to see the principals and watch the proceedings on the stage.

Nearly 1,000 seats will be furnished for working newspaper men. In addition 36 rooms will be set aside in the basements for New York newspapers and press associations. A special restaurant will be kept open night and day for the correspondents and reporters. A large number of telegraph wires will be laid into the garden and about 500 telephones will be installed. A double system of loud speakers will be included as means for communication between the garden and the outside. A transmitter directly in front of the speaker will carry his words to all parts of the building.

New and more comfortable seats will replace those now in the garden. About \$40,000, it is planned, will be expended in improving the sanitation and ventilation. Information booths will be placed in various parts of the hall. These are but a few of the conveniences and utilities that the several committees will furnish for the period of the convention.

Already the board of estimate has appropriated \$100,000 for the reception and entertainment of delegates and alternates, including women. Societies representing the several states and territories have begun arrangements for supplementing this formal

entertainment by the committees of the convention. There will also be numerous unofficial programs.

Officials of the committees planning for the convention are hopeful that not all the thousands expected in New York will be able to attend the sessions, but they realize that there is no hall or stadium in the world large enough to insure that. It is their intention, however, to make New York a lavishly host and to make the visitors' stay in the city on this occasion a pleasant and historic event in their lives.

It is already apparent that men and women by the thousands are coming to New York from all parts of the United States knowing in advance that they can not find seats in the garden but eager nevertheless to be in the city when the convention chooses the winners of the next presidential election.

Pert Waitress Routs Fresh Salesman With His Big Town Patter

Houston, Tex., May 28.—His derby hat pulled down atop the ears, the blue shirt and gesticulations marked him as a salesman from Noo York. He walked in the Rice Coffee Shop, perched on a stool at the counter. The waitress served a glass of water, cutlery and a menu.

"Give me," he said, "a bulwuts, grape fruit, bifstik and cocoanuts pie."

Without wavering the waitress walked back to the cook stall and presently returned with a grape fruit, bowl of oats, a beefsteak and a piece of cocoanut pie.

He was talkative and no doubt plumed himself on being a great kiddier. At once he launched into a patter of smart sayings, addressing the waitress as "gollie." He laughed loudly at every sally his nimble tongue rattled off. The waitress stood it for a while without blinking and then took one return shot. It was a bull's-eye.

"Aw, gwan!" she said. "You are so thin (he was of the willowy type) that every time you mix your soda water drinks you can see 'em clear through you and they make you look like a barber pole."

You need the Forum during this campaign. Fifty cents until September 1.

THE FERGUSON ISSUE

Well, the race for governor is now beginning to bile over. Things are hot and getting hotter. Two of the candidates who spell their names with the same capital in the alphabet are now almost to the point of calling each other bad names. They will be at it in 10 days.

Two more of the candidates who look alike when they get their uniforms on are getting so mad at each other that they are about ready to pull something off and show up something.

Up to date nobody has said anything agin' me and I have said nothin' agin' them. But there is a lot of private propoganda dope being handed out for the purpose of discouraging my friends. I want to discuss this scheme with my friends in these lines.

Some of my friends are getting a little doubtful because of the injunction rendered against me by the district court of Harris county.

In my platform, announced in January, I provided for this contingency by stating that if they kept my name off the ticket then my wife would run. I knew at that time that just as soon as the people began to approve my platform somebody would raise the old question of my impeachment to keep me and the people from making a trade. Before I made a single speech the people began to take interest in the plan I laid out to reduce the appropriations of the last legislature and it began to be so wide spread that somebody began to realize that they could not get in the running so up jumps the devil and begins to holler impeachment in the courts. I answered the suit and they introduced their impeachment verdict and then I said let us have it all brought in and see whether the thing was done right, and, lo and behold! their lawyers objected to the introduction of all their judgment and they got the judge down in the trial court to hold with them. I have appealed to the supreme court and I believe the court will hold with me. I say this because I believe the court will want to follow the law, regardless of how bad these politicians want to keep the people from passing on my case. And when the court so decides, I will win in the first heat.

But if the people are denied this privilege and I am denied this liberty then, as I originally announced, the people shall have the chance to vote for a Ferguson on the Ferguson platform which I have already announced. The issue in this campaign is the Ferguson issue and the Ferguson name and we need not quibble over first names. If the people want the Ferguson platform and a Ferguson issue they shall have a way to get it. Already my wife's name has gone to the executive committee to be put on the primary ticket. If they keep Jim Ferguson's name away from the people then his wife, Miriam A. Ferguson, will be the candidate representing the Ferguson issue and the Ferguson platform. Can there be any objection to a woman running for office when they won't let the husband run? Read the platforms of all these candidates for governor and see how loud and long they have hollered the equality and the virtue of woman suffrage. This campaign will be the real test of their sincerity. We will now find out whether they really meant what they said or whether their real purpose was to have the women just vote for somebody and raise them a lot of children. We pause to hear the first howl.

Some of my good friends think that I ought to line up with one of these candidates instead of letting my wife run.

I have received many letters suggesting this idea.

The trouble with these suggestions is that all my friends do not agree on which one we should support and there would be a division in the Ferguson ranks the very minute this plan was attempted to be put in action.

But the most serious objection to these suggestions of my friends is that none of these candidates offers anything towards my vindication or toward the adoption of the Ferguson platform. They offer me nothing and they offer the people nothing.

Until this is done the fight is going to be kept right on for the Ferguson name and the Ferguson platform.

Let me show my friends just how we will win and why we will win.

In the first place just bear in mind that my wife is only required to get a plurality and not a majority in the first primary and she will only have to run against one of the other candidates in the second primary.

If this fact is kept in mind the importance and the effect of the Ferguson strength can be easier estimated and appreciated. Two years ago the total vote for the six candidates for senator was 572,000. Of this number Mayfield got 153,000, a little over one-fourth, and I got 127,000, a little less than one-fourth.

There is, however, a 20 per cent increase in poll tax payments and three fifths or 140,000 is in the country and over 90,000 are tenant farmers who did not have the money to pay two years ago.

We now have eight active candidates for governor and if they all got an equal division of the votes that will be in the primary each one would get a

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NEFF SPURNS PLACE ON TEXAS DELEGATION BOUND TO M'ADOO BY KLAN-BOSSED CONVENTION

Kluxers Dominate Waco State Gathering But Can't Choke Off Noisy Demonstration for Governor. Harper Kirby Thrown Off Because He Opposed McAdoo—Uproar Marks Session.

Waco, Tex., May 27.—Gov. Pat M. Neff was late Tuesday recommended to the convention as a delegate at large to the party's national meeting in New York, but he declined in a personal privilege speech to the delegates from all over Texas, to be considered for the place. His request that his name be withdrawn was granted by the special committee, and the convention voted in accordance with his wishes. Mike T. Lively of Dallas was substituted by the committee in the place of Mr. Neff, and the convention accepted him.

The governor's declination came at 6 o'clock Tuesday evening and put the convention into an uproar.

The governor emphatically told the convention that he had no apologies to make for his stand against an un-instructed delegation to New York, neither has he any apologies to make for anything he said in the recent campaign he made against Mr. McAdoo.

Not being in harmony or sympathy with the views of this convention which instructed the state delegation to vote for Mr. McAdoo for presidential nominee at New York on every ballot so long as his name is before the national convention, Mr. Neff declared that he could not conscientiously accept the proffered place.

Where the least trouble was expected occurred the greatest fight of the convention. It was the hardest and bitterest battle of the day and before it was over R. Harper Kirby of Austin had been removed as a recommended district delegate to the New York convention and a vigorous attempt had also been made to displace Frank C. Davis of San Antonio, the state chairman, as a delegate from the San Antonio district. The latter contest was as exciting as the first, the climax coming in an appeal from the ruling of the chair, but the convention sustained the chair and the mover sorrowfully remarked: "That's the old way of doing it in San Antonio."

thing from any of you fellows, and you can know that from me."

Voice, "Well, stay at home." Kirby, "I can easily do that."

This closed the debate and the motion to table Harper Kirby's ouster was lost and a later vote caused the minority report to be declared adopted. Both of these fairly shook the rafters, so great was the volume of voices voting.

Klan Is In Control.

According to the political leaders, men who are members of the klan held undisputed control over the convention. Not a single motion on any major issue was made from the floor of the convention. The principal motions were put from the platform by Senator William A. Hanger of Fort Worth, a klan official, who occupied a seat at a small table to the left of the speaker's stand. The chairman, Marshall Hicks of San Antonio, did not take the trouble on many motions to ask for the negative vote—declaring several issues carried without registering the voice of the opposition.

Klan-McAdoo Coalition.

The coalition of klan leaders and McAdoo leaders was invincible and so complete that the convention delegates at times seemed to take little part in the actual deliberation. There was very little debate on the floor until toward the very end of the session, when a dispute arose over giving Harper Kirby of Austin a place as district delegate to the national convention. His position was contested by P. C. Maynard of Bastrop, who claimed to be a McAdoo man, whereas it was said Mr. Kirby had been against McAdoo.

Instructed for McAdoo.

The convention gave iron-clad instructions for William G. McAdoo for president and endorsed but did not give instruction for Alvin M. Owsley of Dallas for vice president.

Thomas B. Love was re-elected national committeeman without opposition.

Big Rally for Neff.

Acclamations for Governor Neff came dramatically and with tremendous power just after Cato Sells of Fort Worth had read a resolution of the platform and resolutions committee endorsing Neff's administration.

The five pound bolting pin which Chairman Hicks was using as a gavel dropped with pile driver blows on the table to restore order. The resolution was put to a vote and adopted with a resounding yell, but a small group of men at the rear of the hall who seemed to be sitting closely together shouted "no." The convention then voted to ask the governor to address the assembly. After reaching the platform and with dramatic suddenness, pointing his finger with defiance at the group that had voted against endorsement

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FERGUSON'S SPEAKING DATES

Clarksville,	Friday, May 30, 2 P. M.
Texarkana	Friday, May 30, 8 P. M.
Crandall,	Saturday, May 31, 2 P. M.
Dallas	Saturday, May 31, 8 P. M.
Franklin,	Tuesday, June 3, 3 P. M.
Jewett,	Wednesday, June 4, 2 P. M.
Palestine	Wednesday, June 4, 8 P. M.
Jacksonville	Thursday, June 5, 2 P. M.
Henderson	Friday, June 6, 2 P. M.
Tyler	Friday, June 6, 8 P. M.
Mart	Saturday, June 7, 2 P. M.
Waco	Saturday, June 7, 8 P. M.

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A CANDIDATE WHO SPEAKS OUT

J. Roy Hardin, of Kaufman county, is a candidate for state senator from the Ninth district, and in his announcement he has left the voters of that district under no misapprehension as to what may be expected of him if they elect him to the senate. Mr. Hardin is now a member of the Texas house of representatives and as such he voted consistently and persistently against extravagance and waste and his opposing voice was raised in the house against \$15,000,000 useless expenditures put through by the spenders over his protest.

He is a young man, 36 years old, a strong man and one of the ablest, most courageous and intelligent young Texans who has been seen in the public service in many years. He is a man who has the interests of his native state and her people at heart and is willing to give his best and most intelligent efforts in serving that state. He is destined for a career of great usefulness and accomplishment in public affairs because he is honest, fearless and thoughtful. His platform is published on the first page of this issue of the Forum and a careful reading of that document is recommended, not alone to the voters of the Ninth district, but to the voters of the entire state, with the suggestion that they call upon the candidates in their respective districts who seek their votes, to come out as boldly and clearly in declaring what they stand for and what their conduct will be should they be elected either to house or senate.

Representative Hardin made a record for himself in the lower house and his constituents are proud of him. He fought against waste and useless frittering away of the taxpayers' money and he supported with all his power and enthusiasm every measure for the benefit of the schools of the common people, especially the rural schools. He maintains that the greatest need is for help for the little country district schools that are not able to take care of themselves. He is a man who has enjoyed the advantage of higher education but it has not made a fool of him and developed him into a cormorant for money for the higher branch institutions while the impoverished rural schools struggle against adverse conditions and are able to remain open only a few months each year.

Mr. Hardin is opposed to the scheme of federal fifty-fifty aid and the injection of federal spies and federal supervision into state institutions and departments. He believes in states rights and says so in a way that leaves no doubt as to his position in that respect. He says he is unalterably opposed to the Ku Klux Klan because it stands upon a basis that is fundamentally false and it should never be allowed to control our government. He says his first choice for governor is Jim Ferguson because Ferguson says he will put the skates under the spending crowd at Austin and that is just exactly what ought to be done, he says.

The example of Mr. Hardin is commended to other candidates who wish to be elected by voters with a full understanding of what they stand for and what they will try to accomplish when elected.

Put the tax payers in the saddle and take the tax eaters out.

Don't go without the Forum for the rest of the Texas campaign. You will be loser.

Since Ferguson started his speaking campaign the governor's race is showing more speed.

The Forum is the paper that reaches the voters and tells them what is going on in the political contest.

Harry Thaw is free. It took eighteen years to win his freedom but you can't keep a rich fellow in jail always.

Jolt the spenders out of the saddle in the Texas state government. Let them walk awhile and save the people money.

Again the state comptroller's monthly financial statement shows some thirty thousand dollars wasted for traveling expenses by a horde of tax eaters.

The time for making up the primary ballot approaches. Watch your legislative candidates. Pick the right kind of men if you really want lower taxes.

Governor Ferguson was given a greeting on his recent visit to the Rio Grande valley that showed the deep interest taken by the voters in the campaign for governor.

Ferguson is swinging through north Texas this week and judging from the size of his audiences the other candidates have been merely "runners-up," for the real candidate.

What was called a "Beauty-proof" jury was impeached in Chicago to try a pretty woman who had killed her sweetheart. The jury brought in a verdict of "not guilty." What's the use?

Texas will be heard from next month in Madison Square Garden when the hosts of democracy meet, but will her voice have any more influence than it had upon the Pacific slope four years ago?

Coolidge has signed the immigration bill which excludes the Japanese and now the Japs are mad and talk of war. If war must come it were better to have the Jap on the outside than the inside of the country.

When the dove of peace was flitting over that convention crowd at Waco it showed timidity about lighting in the neighborhood of the sheet and pillow case closets. The dove likes to look into the faces of those who preach peace.

The Ferguson slogan, L. L. L. T., is gaining force as the days go by and the other candidates are hurrying to tell the voters that they will try to lower taxes but not one of them has yet told how he will go about it or just exactly what items of expense he will lop off or cut down. Read the Ferguson platform and see how he goes into particulars. Ask the other candidates for governor where they stand on those items.

It is so unusual in these days of political hide-and-seek for a candidate frankly to set forth just what he stands for when he asks the support of the voters that the announcement of Roy Hardin for state senate is attracting attention because of its novelty. The newspapers are commenting upon it and the following is the view taken by the Athens Review of what Mr. Hardin says to the voters of the Ninth senatorial district: "Hon. J. Roy Hardin, whose announcement appears in this issue, stands out as a unique candidate. Mr. Hardin's idea of a candidate seems to be above board on everything, and no one can charge him with dodging the issue. He is plain spoken on every matter, even to the governor's race and it is well that he should be. People sooner or later find out how a candidate stands on the various issues and to be out-spoken will save them many embarrassing moments."

THE CONSTITUTION, THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE

When a court declares that a law is not consistent with the constitution and is therefore void, we are sometimes told this is defeating the people's will and is an autocratic act inconsistent with democracy.

It is inconsistent with a certain theory of democracy, but that theory doesn't happen to be the American theory of democracy, which is embodied in our constitutional system. There are democratic governments in which the legislative branch of government is supreme. In Great Britain or France the legislature alone may be said to express the will of the people. But our forefathers were too well aware that a legislature could tyrannize as well as an executive. The chief improvement they proposed to introduce into democratic government was to create a check upon the legislature. The constitution provides that check. It provides not for one agency of the people's will but three—the legislative, executive, and the judicial, and it created them as independent agencies. That is what the American principle of the separation of powers means.

We ought not ever to lose sight of the fact that the constitution is the most deliberate and fundamental expression of the will of the people. It was formulated by a convention composed of delegates chosen by the legislatures of the states. But when the great instrument was completed it was published and discussed for nearly half a year throughout the young republic by the press, by the leading public men, by the public. At the same time the people in each of the states by direct popular vote selected delegates for conventions to consider and ratify or reject the proposed constitution. These conventions met and debated and adopted the constitution. They unquestionably expressed the deliberate will of the people.

It is a mischievous error to assume that when the court declares that an act of congress is repugnant to the constitution it is a defeat of the people's will. It is, of course, a defeat of the will of a majority or more of the people's legislative representatives. This will of the legislature may express a predominant public opinion at the time, and may therefore be an expression of the will of a majority of the people at the time. But the essence of the American plan of democratic government is that the opinion or will of the people as expressed at any time by their legislators shall be at all times checked by the will of the people as expressed in the fundamental laws they have laid down in the constitution.

In other words, under the American plan of democratic government the people have established certain basic rules and principles which it is their deliberate will shall govern their representatives, and even themselves, until by action under certain conditions of prolonged deliberation and by a preponderant vote they amend or withdraw them.

No people ever did a wiser thing than the American when they fixed their devotion upon a group of profound principles of government and of individual right to guide their public action and serve as an enduring and ever present restraint upon the impulse and passions and ill advised intentions of the hour. Every intelligent individual puts such checks upon himself, knowing that it is easy to err and to be diverted from sound judgment through emotion or want of knowledge and deliberation. It was the deepest wisdom for our nation to recognize and apply the same principle, and if we surrender it we shall lose the most precious of our national possessions. But the constitution, which embodies this wise principle, goes by the board if there is no independent agency to enforce respect for it, or if such agency yields to pressure and fails to protect it from encroachment. The supreme court is that agency.—Chicago Tribune.

EDUCATE THE CHILDREN OF TEXAS

Jim Ferguson originated the expression about some people going "hog-wild" over higher education, but the extract published here is not a quotation from anything Jim Ferguson has said. It is an extract from an editorial in the Marshall Morning News and the editor of that paper frankly admits that "we have gone hog-wild on higher education" and are neglecting to take care of the great masses of children who can never hope to get above a high school education.

The Morning News was commenting upon the opening speech of Governor Ferguson at Kerens and after delivering itself of the words above quoted added: "The children of the common people (and the good Lord must have loved common people for he made so many of them) and allows them to multiply like the sands on the seashore) we say these children should have the first seat at the table. We don't ask that they be served a sumptuous feast. Give them plain food but give them all they will eat. Then after they have eaten, if there is anything left we have no objection to passing the pie and cake to the few who sit down at the university and college tables."

That's that! The Morning News is not supporting Ferguson in this race for the governorship but is honest enough to confess that he is right on the assertion that "we have gone hog-wild" over higher education. When adequate provision is made to insure the children of the plain people of Texas a nine months school in every community, then it will be time, as the News says, to set out "cake and pie" for those who aspire to go to college. We believe in higher education but not to the exclusion of the poor children of the state from the benefits of the common schools as the fathers of Texas intended they should have them.

BACK TO THE CONSTITUTION

Archbishop Hanna, of California, in a splendid address to the Union League of San Francisco, urged people to get back to the principles of the original constitution if they wish to preserve their rights and liberties.

He said, in part: "Destruction of the ideals originally embodied in the constitution and the lack of leaders are two of the dangers which confront America today."

"Despite the fact that the constitution as drawn up by its framers has stood the test of a century and a half, there are continual attempts to modify it."

"Today we feel that men not of American ideals are abroad tampering with that constitution. They begin with strange amendments that touch, sometimes, the very heart of our liberties. We have already destroyed our fathers' ideals of a senate, because we, the people, were so weak that we couldn't send the right kind of men into our legislative assemblies and trust them to choose our senators for us."

"What this country needs today above all else is leadership. At the end of the world war the task of restoring the world was equal to the task, Europe is today worse off than it was at the beginning of the war. This is the only country in the world where men won't teach boys."

"The tendency of the nation is to absorb all the talent and leadership of the country in industry while teachers are neglected and underpaid. What this country needs to restore slipping American ideals is a race of men who will forget the struggle for wealth and devote themselves to service for the good of America."

Hearst has bought the San Antonio Light and about the only consolation to be derived from this announcement is that he will put high life on the San Antonio Express and make that old womanly pretender to newspaper standing hustle to keep from falling by the wayside. Hearst enjoys hot fighting with newspaper rivals and he doubtless will wake up the somnolent Express which too long has arrogated to itself an insolent attitude toward those who have patronized it with their money.

Generous Friends Add Their Aid to the Campaign Fund to Assist Jim Ferguson in Making His Race

The spirit of justice and loyalty among the people of Texas again is evidenced in the generous contributions by friends who are supporting Jim Ferguson in his candidacy for the nomination for governor of Texas and the last week brought many new letters enclosing substantial aid for his campaign. The expressions contained in these letters show the sincerity and earnestness of Ferguson's friends and give him encouragement in the face of all obstacles and difficulties. The roll of honor this week contains among others the letters here quoted:

Staying for Five Trips.

James E. Ferguson.
Dear Governor: This is five trips around the world and we have gone with you all the way, and we figure it is worth a dollar trip to go with you and to vote for you. Please find enclosed \$10 for your campaign.
Yours truly,
C. P. HARPER,
W. E. SMITH,
Lorena, Tex.

Fund From Electra Friends.

Forum Company: Enclosed find \$6 for campaign fund, as follows: George Myers, \$1; Bob Pomp, \$1; James Osborn, \$1; Carmel Green, \$1; Andy Gallagher, \$1; D. M. Dagg, \$1.
Yours truly,
D. M. DAGGS,
Electra, Tex., Box 738.

Wants to See Ferguson Elected.

James E. Ferguson.
Dear Sir and Friend: Enclosed find \$6, for which send The Forum to the following persons: Extend my subscription one year; next, W. M. Fielding, Teague, Route 1; O. L. Edwards, L. A. Austrey and Otis Smith, all at Teague.

This will leave \$1, which you may apply to your campaign fund. I am sorry that I cannot do more, for I am sure there is no one who would like to see you elected more than myself.
As ever, your friend,
L. H. BEENE,
Teague, Tex.

Whole Family for Ferguson.

Hon. James E. Ferguson.
Dear Governor: Just a few words of encouragement to let you know that we are for you and always have been. I am sending you a check for \$2 with my blessing and good wishes for your success and vindication, and when the day of voting comes you can count on eleven votes, including sons-in-law, from the Elstner family, for either Mr. or Mrs. Ferguson.
With best regards from
MRS. CHARLES J. ELSTNER AND
HUSBAND,
Hallettsville, Tex.

A Widow's Mite.

Editor Forum: We are going round and round, about to find ourselves right back where we started. They say that money does all things, and McAdoo's men handling some candidates are moving around with some pep and a great deal of self-confidence. Widows are in great demand in this campaign, though with no reflection on the widows. The Klux may think to win this election. They must hide behind the ladies and again the ladies may think that Burleson company has no man competent to fill a county office. They have a right to their thoughts, but we think they think a mistake; for we have the men that are just and honest to fill every office, who will serve the people, not a few of the people, but all the people. The K. K.'s are strong in Caldwell, my home town. Though they are not making any public talks; they are very quiet, but doing their work all the same. Three kluxers told me, and I have heard of other K. K.'s making the same remark, that the K. K. K. was a dead issue. They will ask you for your vote and say, "Oh, yes, I was a member of the K. K. K., but I have quit them." Just remember their slogan, their boasting: "We were here yesterday, we are here today and we will be here tomorrow." Let each one of us do our part and not vote for a K. K. or vote for a candidate that is endorsed by a K. K.

There is one J. E. Parish who does not want Governor Ferguson's name on the ballot. He says Governor Ferguson would be in the run-off and the people might not get their choice. If such men as J. E. Parish and John Mathis will take their hands off of Jim Ferguson, clear the track and give the people the ballot, they will elect their choice.—James E. Ferguson.

Stay with the people, Farmer Jim. They are going to stay with you. Your name scares a lot of them to death—the handful of political bosses that are keeping up their dishonest work against you and the people.
I am sending you \$1, a widow's mite, to be used as you see best. Success for the people's friend, Jas. E. Ferguson.
Truly a friend,
MRS. ROSA WILLIAMS,
Caldwell, Tex.

From Madisonville.
Hon. James E. Ferguson.
Dear Sir: You will find enclosed \$1, contributed by V. A. Cole, for your campaign. I will send in some more before long.
S. MANNING,
Madisonville, Tex.

Renewal and Campaign Fund.
James E. Ferguson.
Dear Sir: Please find enclosed \$1 for renewal of the Forum until Sept. 1, and keep the balance for your campaign. Yours truly,
F. J. BERGMANN,
Carmine, Tex., Route 2.

Help From Ponder.

James E. Ferguson.
Dear Governor: Here I come with my mite for your campaign fund to help you along. I will help more on election day. Enclosed find check for \$3.
Your friend and supporter,
J. A. BLALOCK,
Ponder, Tex., Route 1.

Would Give \$1,000 If He Could.

Ferguson Forum: You will find enclosed \$1.50. Mr. Bill King wants your paper until Sept. 1. Send it to Garrison. The \$1 I am giving to your campaign fund. I am in feeble condition and cannot get out among the people to make up a club. Everybody wants to read The Forum, but it seems like they want it for nothing. I am past 80 years old, and I would give \$1,000 as freely as I have \$1 if I were able.
Yours respectfully,
J. W. BELL,
Garrison, Tex.

Invited to Crandall.

James E. Ferguson.
Dear Sir: Well, Mr. Ferguson, I will write a few lines to let you know I have not forgotten you. I am sending you check for \$5, of which \$2 is for myself and \$3 for J. L. Holloway and \$1 for Tom Hunter's paper to be sent to Route 3, Forney, Tex. I hope you will come to Crandall to speak. One of my friends told me they had sent you a list of 100 names and invited you to come and I hope you will come. I distributed your papers and you can send me some more if you wish.
Your friend,
W. M. YOUNGMAN,
Forney, Tex.

Other Contributions.

Others whose help has been received during the last few days are: C. J. Klotz, Jourdanon; August Miller, Lacoste; W. S. Kremen, Taylor; W. B. Ferguson and others, Clyde; M. A. Burnaman, Nacogdoches; L. D. Wood, Confederate Home, Austin; F. W. Scholemer, Yorktown; Alvin Laake, New Ulm; J. M. Gerhard, Mikeaska; J. R. Turner, Raymondville; H. E. Cown, Floresville; S. J. Reynolds and others, Little Elm; B. F. Hester, Dewville; J. S. Casparis, Johnson City; Paul Witt, McGregor.

Follow Example of Coleman Friends.

Hon. James E. Ferguson.
Dear Sir: We, the undersigned, heartily endorse the example set by our Coleman county friends, donating each \$1 to your campaign.

We hope the good people of Texas will send you back to Austin and right the great wrong that was done you and your family, and restore your good name and that the dove of peace will perch with you and goodwill among men will reign forever more. I am, yours truly,
L. W. BURDICK,
Coleman, Tex.

The names of the contributors signed to above are: P. S. Baxter, R. W. Starne, A. J. Lewellen, W. M. Weaver, J. G. Brown, M. B. Miller, J. F. Weston.

Edgewood Friends Send Funds.
Ferguson Forum: Enclosed you will find check for \$11, of which 50 cents is a subscription to your paper, which you will send to Jesse Wager, Route 5, Canton, Tex., and the balance, \$10.50, is subscribed by your friends for you to use as you see fit.

It has been published in our local paper that you will deliver an address in Canton some time in June. Would like for you to make that date the first Saturday in June, which is the 7th.

This donation is subscribed with the best wishes of your Canton friends, who are hoping for your success and that you will be able to come here on the date named.

Your friend,
S. W. KNOX,
Canton, Tex.

Favors Having Name of Jim Ferguson on July Primary Ticket

Then there's Farmer Jim Ferguson. Jim's attitude on this occasion is not the fighter's Jim of old. He claims to have made peace with his God, his fellow-man—in short, all creation—if I read his Forum right. I am strictly in favor of Mr. Ferguson's name appearing on the primary ballot, and more, I am in favor of restoring him to eligibility in the matter of elective office holding. I was in favor of impeachment proceedings, but I feel that justice having had an inning, forgiveness is in order. I can hate for a while, but damnit, there comes a time when the taste becomes unbearable, hence despite what the other fellow does, I take a fresh chew, spit volitionally and feel better. While willing to make the foregoing concessions, I am not in favor of Mr. Ferguson's candidacy, so that's that!—"Country Doctor," in Lockhart Daily Post.

What Texas Editors Say

Other candidates have made an attempt to explain how they will reduce expenses, but none of them have given the people any concrete explanation how it can be done, except Mr. Ferguson. Read his platform, and if you have prejudice against him, for the love of your state and economy, lay it aside and go to work and elect him and get relief from the tax burdens you have been groaning under the past six years.—San Saba Star.

When you see a \$1,000 car parked in front of an \$800 home, you can get some idea of the trend of the times and why the American home is losing some of its influence.—Cueo Record.

According to testimony given in the senatorial investigation in Washington, the pay roll of the imperial palace, Ku Klux Klan headquarters, amounts to approximately \$10,000 per week, which, multiplied by 52, aggregates \$4,160,000 paid annually into the treasury of the "invisible empire." It is refreshing to know that less than two per cent of the yeomanry of Coleman county have been humbugged by the wizardry of Atlanta.—Coleman Democrat-Voice.

The man who fights in the open may get licked once in a while, but his conscience will never get licked.—Yoakum Times.

Governor Pat Neff has done one thing that The Post can heartily endorse, and that is his refusal to accept the presidency of Texas State university. It has been bad enough to have a little governor, but we do not want a pewee president at the head of our big university. The state university has plenty of things to contend with without being hampered by having a man at the head who has made no greater record than Pat has at the helm of Texas' state affairs.—Childress Post.

Mr. Davidson claimed he could save the state \$10,000,000 every two years if the people would elect a legislature that would co-operate with him. Joe Burckett made the claim here that he would save \$12,000,000 every two years, but Jim Ferguson made the first claim and that he would save the taxpayers \$15,000,000 every two years. The other candidates say it cannot be done. Fifteen million bucks are a parcel lot more than ten or twelve million alicorns, therefore the people are going to put Jim in to clutch the three million extra wheels.—San Saba Star.

Why do some consider prohibition laws more sacred than other laws? We favor the strict enforcement of prohibition as well as all other laws. Some have called Dr. Butler ugly names because he wants the eighteenth amendment abolished, and even call him a traitor. What tommyrot this is! If all laws were regarded as so sacred that none dare demand a change, no bad law could ever be abolished. All the fanatics are not churchmen. Some of them are political humbugs, who would destroy the rights of free speech and a free press.—Bairst Star.

"I swear that I will keep secure to myself a secret of a klanman when same is committed to me in the sacred bond of klanmanship, the crime of violating this solemn oath, treason against the United States of America, rape and malicious murder alone excepted," is a portion of the oath assumed by those who become naturalized citizens of the invisible empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Our law enforcement officers—the district judge, the sheriff, the district attorney, the county attorney, all—tell us that they are naturalized citizens of the invisible empire! The Bee had an idea they were.—Beville Bee.

Among the greatest pests to our schools is the youngster whose brain is too small to do school work and who uses dad's car to take school girls out riding at times when they should be getting up their lessons. Many girls are losing the opportunity of their lives by allowing these poor stumps to waste their time. Of course, these girls are not old enough to distinguish between a bonehead jelly-bean and a real boy, but their mamma ought to know, yet some of them don't seem to care. Any how, these young bucks are proving a real pest to schools.—Sterling News Record.

It looks like Ferguson's opponents are afraid he will capture the nomination, and failing to find anything else to bring up derogatory to his candidacy, they had to resort to his impeachment after he had resigned the office of governor. The people of Texas do not admire persecution in any case and if they want Jim Ferguson for governor they will elect him, notwithstanding the efforts of political bulldozers to bring about his defeat. The Home News, while not advocating Ferguson's election, even if he is the best man in the race, stands for fair play and believes he has a mighty good chance for being vindicated at the polls. At any rate, he will convince the man who defeats him in the run-off primary that he has had the race of his life.—Home News.

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little over 82,000 votes. But I got 45,000 more votes than that two years ago and if you add the 20 per cent increase I will have 25,000 votes more or 70,000 votes more than an equal division of the total number. It will not be forgotten that the klan went all one way two years ago. Now they are divided three ways. A klansman told me this week that over 60 south Texas klans have agreed to support Barton and 40 others are going to support Collins and Robertson will have 160 klans supporting him.

So if my wife only got what I got in the first primary two years ago and, figure it any way you want to, it will be evident to any thinking man that she will be in the run off primary. If you gave her credit for the proportionate increase in poll tax payments she will be sure to lead in the first primary. When it is remembered that 90,000 of my tenant farmer friends who could not vote for me two years ago are added to my vote of two years ago, then the Ferguson vote will almost double anybody else's vote in this year's primary.

So any way it is estimated it must be clear that my wife will be in the run-off even if she is a woman. And let my friends bear this in mind when they try to tell you that my wife can't win. Just remember when she runs they will have to stop all this scary talk about somebody can't take their seat because they have been impeached. She is not in anyway disqualified or ineligible to hold the office. All she has to do is to get the votes and the legislature has to seat her and then the Ferguson name and the Ferguson way is on top and in the saddle again in Texas.

But can she win in the run-off? Let us see if being a woman will cut any figure against her. If she gets in the run-off with a klucker every informed person knows that the woman question would not change 500 votes. The line would then be clearly drawn on that issue and people would vote accordingly regardless of the woman question.

If she should get in the run-off with T. W. Davidson then she would get an even divide at least if not more of the klan vote and when it is more freely known that T. W. Davidson is in favor of abolishing the constitutional 35 cent ad valorem tax limit and that he is willing to turn the legislature loose to vote any old amount that they want to on the people then he can't beat a wooden man, let alone a smart woman.

Suppose she should get in the run-off with Lynch Davidson, the self admitted lumber king? I heard him say at Corsicana that he would rather be a lumber king than a member of the farmer labor union. And when it comes to a run-off with him he will not get over one farmer or one labor man in ten and my wife would get the balance.

And I ain't said nothing about cut-over lands either yet. And while I admit he is closer to the Ku Klux than any of us that don't belong to them, yet the farming and laboring masses would just swamp him world without end.

And if she should get in the run-off with any of the other candidates they are so little known that they could not hope to win though they are nice gentlemen.

So let my friends be unafraid and I know they will. The average man who tries to tell you that a Ferguson can't win is simply talking about something he knows nothing about. If they tell you that Mayfield beat Ferguson 41,000 votes two years ago, just tell him that the klan has lost 75,000 votes since that time and if Ferguson never got a kluck vote and only got what he got two years ago it would now be a 35,000 majority instead of a 41,000 defeat. Tell him that since two years ago the big klan officers have charged each other with almost every crime in the books and that over fifty of them have plead guilty in the courts to crimes committed with the masks on. Tell him that an ex-imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan is a self confessed whore-monger. Tell him that another ex-imperial wizard is an also undenied whore-monger. Tell him also that the present imperial wizard took \$145,000 of klan money and gave it to an ex-imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, the proven whore-monger. Tell him that the grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan sells more liquor than any saloon-keeper ever sold and that he has plead guilty in court to the illegal possession of boot-leg liquor. Tell him that Jim Ferguson is the only candidate for governor who has been telling the people about all this business for the last two years. Tell him that the Ferguson platform is the only one that dares to tell the people what items will be cut out or reduced in the next appropriation bill of the legislature. When you tell him that he will thank you and ask for a Ferguson ticket. Whether it begins with Jim or Miriam he won't care.

JAS. E. FERGUSON.

Senator McGregor in Speech at Barbecue Puts Klan on Grill

Houston, Tex., May 28.—Politicians of Waller and Harris counties, combined with several thousand constituents of the first named, attended a barbecue May 20 in Stepha's grove, half-way between Hempstead and Brookshire. After the picnic dinner, dispensed with a lavish hand by the Taxpayers Association of Waller county, a brass band called the assemblage together for the political rally. Judge J. J. Perry of Waller presided and introduced the speakers. Senator T. H. McGregor was the principal speaker. Removing his coat, and a little later unbuckling his collar and neckband, he proceeded to flay the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Senator McGregor went 2,000 years back in the history of mankind to prove his position; spoke of the gentle Nazarene; emphasized the stand taken by the apostle Paul in con-

tending against his enemies, who were trespassing upon his rights as a Roman citizen in condemning him without giving him a hearing; he touched upon the English barons at Runnymede when they gave to the world the Magna Charta, down to the present day, which still has its bill of rights. McGregor paid a glowing tribute to the courage of Dan Moody, candidate for attorney general, in his conduct of the prosecution for the flogging of R. W. Burleson, and to young Douglas Tarleton of Bee county, who proved in court, that the judge, the district attorney, the sheriff, all were klansmen, while the defendant was a Catholic. Senator McGregor also spoke highly of Judge J. D. Harvey of Houston, who was present, and of his candidacy for re-election. To the klansmen among his hearers the speaker asked: "What have the Jews ever done to you?" And then answered his own question with the narrative of Judah P. Benjamin and his sacrifices for the Confederacy. In similar vein Senator McGregor asked: "What have the Cath-

olics ever done to you?" and then relating the history of Catholics in Maryland and what their coming meant to this country. In commenting on the women present, Senator McGregor told the story of Old Hickory before the battle of New Orleans, when the general was asked to send the women and children to a place of safety. "No," he answered; "let the women stay. The game cock fights best when the hens are present." In concluding his speech, Senator McGregor said that he had been accused of having wasted much, "but I was never foolish enough to pay \$15 for a sheet." One-half dollar gives you all the Texas campaign news until September 1. Subscribe now for the Forum.

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Neff Spurns a Place on Texas Delegation Pledges for McAdoo

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of his administration, the governor shouted:

Neff Challenges Foes.
"I challenge and defy you gentlemen to point to a single instance of dishonorable conduct in my entire administration."

The climax of the day seemed to have arrived. The crowd cheered and applauded. The governor went on, hammering in his points with effective gestures. "I have no explanation to make to you men who voted against endorsement of my administration." The delegates and spectators gave the governor a great tribute as he stepped down from the platform.

Declines to Be Delegate.
In a few minutes the governor's name was announced among those selected to go as delegates at large to New York. He immediately rose to a point of personal privilege and in another brief speech declined to accept the position. His refusal must have been known before hand to program makers for they were ready immediately with the name of Mike Lively of Dallas as a substitute for the governor. The substitution was accepted.

Owsley Is Endorsed.
The resolution for Owsley was adopted amidst the wildest enthusiasm led by the "Old Gray Mare" band of Brownwood, which paraded around the hall playing the piece by the same name. This procession was led by the "Old Gray Mare" herself, astride whose back was Miss Ruby Latham. Owsley was called to the platform for a speech. He spoke for 10 minutes, endorsing national prohibition and woman suffrage and thanking the delegates for "nominating" him for vice-president.

The most bitter contest of the day precipitated a fight that was not down on the leaders' program came about 7 p. m. when an attack was made on Harper Kirby of Austin as a delegate to the national convention. Other counties in the tenth district demanded that Mr. Kirby be unseated as a delegate to the national convention for the reason that he was not a McAdoo man. For almost an hour a bitter debate ensued in which the lie was passed back and forth rather freely. The convention finally voted to remove him from the delegation and substituted the name of P. C. Maynard of Bastrop county.

Senator Hanger put a motion declaring that all resolutions should come through the resolutions committee shutting off any offerings from the floor which was adopted. Senator Hanger at the proper time moved that a committee of seven be appointed to select the delegates at large which was adopted. Senator Hanger moved that the committee recess while the delegations selected their important committee members which was adopted. Senator Hanger skinned every word of the platform and resolutions, some of which he wrote himself and they are all adopted without a suspicion of opposition. The platform includes:

- That the delegates be instructed to McAdoo as long as his name is before the convention;
- That the grip of Wall street be taken off the federal reserve system;
- That the United States enter the world court at Geneva "and take its place in the vacant chair reserved for it in the councils of the world";
- That a national labor court be established and a constitutional amendment against child labor be adopted;
- That the United States veterans' bureau be "cleaned out."
- Opposes legalizing manufacture of light wines and beer.
- Endorses latest law restricting immigration "as a sound American policy."
- Declares for political equality of women.
- Advocates that the whole moral and physical force of the nation be put behind stringent enforcement of prohibition.
- Endorses United States Senator Earle B. Mayfield of Austin and wishes him success in the pending Peady-Mayfield senatorial contest over Mayfield's seat.
- Endorses Congressman John Garner.
- Endorses Alvin M. Owsley for vice-president.
- Declares that no person be sent to the national convention who is not 100 per cent for McAdoo, prohibition and woman suffrage.
- Twelve men and twelve women delegates at large were elected by the convention as follows after being recommended by a committee of seven appointed to report names.
- They are as follows: Marshall Hicks, San Antonio; United States Senator Earle B. Mayfield; W. W. Fitzwater, Bonham; Thomas H. Ball, Houston; George Slater, Garveston; Frank Wozenrath, Dallas; Cato Sells, Fort Worth; John M. Mathis, Houston; M. A. Childers, San Antonio; R. E. Thomason, El Paso; Mike T. Lively, Dallas; O. G. Kingsley, San Antonio; Mrs. M. G. Olsen, Waco; Mrs. J. O. Ross, Houston; Mrs. Roy Parlow, Liberty; Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames, Georgetown; Mrs. John Davis, Dallas; Mrs. McNeil Turner, Corpus Christi; Mrs. Myrtle Seago, Fort Arthur; Mrs. Claude Carter, San Antonio; Mrs. Jinks Magee, Abilene; Mrs. Bethel Magruder, San Angelo; Mrs. Ethel Abbott, El Paso.

The district delegates, alternates and electors as finally ratified by the convention, are as follows:
First District—Delegates, C. E. Terry of Clarksville, Sam Smelser of Texarkana; alternates, Mrs. W. C. Edmonds of Cumby, S. E. Wallace of Mount Pleasant; elector, H. G. Wheat of Paris.
Second District—Delegates, H. M. Hargrove of Beaumont, Sam H. Kerr of Lufkin; alternates, H. J. L. Stark of Orange, Ed Maness of Sour Lake; elector, W. H. Shook of Rusk.
Third District—Delegates, C. L. Calhoun of Tyler, J. J. Faulk of Athens; alternates, W. R. Hughes of Longview, E. M. Greer of Willis Point; elector, J. W. McDavid of Henderson.
Fourth District—Delegates, R. M. Carter of Sherman, L. L. Bowman of Greenville; alternates, H. A. Cunningham of Bonham, R. R. Parker of Farmersville; elector, Ben F. Gafford of Sherman.
Fifth District—Delegates, C. M. Supple of Waxahachie, W. L. Thornton of Dallas; alternates, C. L. Wakefield of Dallas, W. F. Tidwell of Waxahachie; elector, J. M. Hughes of Rockwall.
Sixth District—Delegates, W. C. Davis of Bryan, W. E. Jackson of Hillsboro; alternates, H. O. Tatum of Wortham, W. R. Howell of Corsicana; elector, Joe D. Arrington of Mexia.
Seventh District—Delegates, Fred Pabst of Galveston, T. M. Campbell Jr. of Palestine; alternates, W. L. Moody of Galveston, S. A. McColl of Conroe; elector, Ike Daniels of Crockett.
Eighth District—Delegates, J. M. Boyle and Murray V. Jones, both of Houston; alternates, Jesse H. Jones and Mrs. G. A. Young, both of Houston; elector, C. I. McFarland of Richmond.
Ninth District—Delegates, T. F. Harwood of Gonzales, W. D. Wilson of Bay City; alternates, John H. Bailey of Cuero, George Horder of Eagle Lake; elector, Dr. J. E. Stephens of Victoria.
Tenth District—Delegates, P. C. Maynard of Bastrop and Tom Gambrell of Lockhart; alternate, E. J. Cleveland of Buda; elector, E. R. Pedigo of Austin.
Eleventh District—Delegates, Alva Bryan of Waco, Robert Higgins of Mexia; alternates, J. F. Balley of Waco, Sam Bell of Gatoville; elector, H. E. Trippett of Waco.
Twelfth District—Delegates, S. J. Calloway of Fort Worth, J. B. Haynes of Cleburne; alternates, James Ditto of Arlington, Noble Green of Weatherford; elector, W. D. Smith of Fort Worth.
Thirteenth District—Delegates, J. W. Akin of Wichita Falls, J. W. Sullivan of Denton; alternates, Miss Mary E. Jagoe of Denton, H. C. McClure of Seymour; elector, D. F. Goss of Jaymour.
Fourteenth District—Delegates, C. A. Davies and Frank C. Davis, both of San Antonio; alternates, E. S. Bonham of Beeville, James Perry of San Antonio; elector, Mrs. Wade H. Lewis of San Antonio.
Fifteenth District—Delegates, John N. Garner of Uvalde, A. W. Cunningham of Harlingen; alternates, Hal Brennan of Laredo, Dan Huffor of Donna; elector, John T. Briscoe of Devine.
Sixteenth District—Delegates, Julian LaCrosse of Del Rio, H. Hamilton of Martin county; alternates, John H. Broogher of Barstow, W. F. Kelly of Sterling City; elector, Mrs. D. F. M. Mims of Big Spring.
Seventeenth District—Delegates, L. McCartney of Brownwood, W. R. Ely of Abilene; alternates, E. D. Gailin of Breckenridge, Sam Webb of Albany; elector, Lehman Brown of Coleman.
Eighteenth District—Delegates, Ray C. Johnson of Amarillo, John M. Marshall of Quanah; alternates, J. W. Reed of Canyon, J. C. Bagwell of Snyder; elector, Grover B. Hill of Drillico.
Mr. John W. Kerns, pastor of the Christian church of Waco, offered prayer at the opening of the convention, asking that the "spirit of righteousness and wisdom" prevail over the deliberations.

Name of Wilson Applauded.
The Waco band struck up America. Senator Davis of Dallas announced John Maxwell, former assistant attorney general, to deliver the address of welcome. When Mr. Davis mentioned the name of Woodrow Wilson, a shout went up from the audience and then the delegates as well as the spectators arose and applauded.
Governor Pat M. Neff was seated with the McLennan county delegation, about ten rows back from the platform. He was quietly observing the proceedings. Tom Love, with members of the executive committee, sat on the platform.

Heat Is Stilling.
The heat of the convention hall was stifling, until the scenery at the back of the stage was ordered removed and the large double doors in the rear opened.
So many delegates were present that the chairman was compelled to ask spectators who occupied boxes on one side to retire to rear seats, to make room for delegates. About 1,100 delegates were seated.
Gordon Murphy of Houston and Pat O'Keefe of Dallas were announced as assistant sergeants-at-arms to help Jake Herring of Huntsville preserve order.
Senator John Davis of Dallas, whose stentorian voice was utilized to good advantage, announced that the fire chief of Waco had ruled there could be no smoking in the hall because of danger from fire.
Marshall Hicks of San Antonio was elected temporary chairman, Ernest O. Thompson of Forter county temporary secretary and Col. J. A. Herring of Huntsville temporary ser-

gant-at-arms, with only one dissenting vote. A small weak voice from far back in the hall offered a feeble "no," and the audience, which was in a good humor and waiting for a joke, sputtered into laughter.

The report of Joseph Hale of Waco, secretary of the executive committee, on the counties entitled to representation and the county convention votes, was adopted.
Mr. Hicks was escorted to the platform by a committee composed of Dr. E. B. Blalock of Woodlawn, M. D. Clark of Willsboro, Alva Bryan of Waco and Mrs. Sam J. Smith of Austin.

"The people are in the saddle in Texas and they are going to have something to say about national politics," Mr. Hicks declared in his keynote address. "The contest is whether the government shall be administered in the interest of the people or special interests and special privilege. The republican party is backed, aided and directed by leaders who maintain that special privilege be cared for first and the rest of the people get what is left."

Mr. Hicks briefly reviewed the acts of the Wilson administration, which he declared enacted his promises into law.

Contracts in Sum of Over \$1,700,000 Let for Corpus Port Work

Corpus Christi, Tex., May 28.—Contracts for the port work which is to be done at Corpus Christi, were let by the city council and board of commissioners of the Nueces county navigation district No. 1, May 22.

The contract for the dredging work was awarded to R. A. Perry of Galveston on an alternative bid submitted by him Tuesday. Mr. Perry, in his alternative bid, proposed to reduce the price one-half cent a cubic yard if the city took care of the clay embankment. The city has a proposal for the clay embankment work, and accepted Mr. Perry's alternative bid. The total cost of the dredging and clay embankment work will be \$473,150.

Wisconsin Bridge and Iron company of Milwaukee, Wis., was awarded the contract for the bridge over the entrance to the port. The price being \$400,000 for this work. The work is to be completed in 355 days. The bid of the Summer Solitt company of San Antonio for the wharf and transfer shed construction, calling for a price of \$745,070, and completion of the work within 250 days, was accepted and contract given to that company. This bid is conditional as to lumber grading.

Austin Bridge company of Dallas was awarded the contract for the temporary bridge and Charles Mew of Corpus Christi was given the contract for the temporary grading. Specifications call for dredging work to begin at Corpus Christi within 60 days.

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Thaw's Former Wife Spurns \$10 a Day He Said He Offered Her

Evelyn Nesbit Scornfully Says That Sum Will Not Even Keep Her in Good Perfume.

Atlantic City, N. J., May 28.—Declaring \$10 a day would "not even keep me in good perfume," Evelyn Nesbit, divorced wife of Harry K. Thaw, has asserted such a settlement proposed would be "ridiculous in the extreme."

Miss Nesbit, who was at the cafe where she is an entertainer, said she had received no official notification of any settlement and that no communications of any kind had been received from Thaw or his lawyers. Asked what effect a settlement would have on her son, Russell, Miss Nesbit replied:

"None whatever. Whatever they give me has absolutely nothing to do with Russell. He is the legitimate heir of Harry K. Thaw, and he must be provided for as such."

Thaw had said before he left for Pittsburgh to visit his mother, that under a decision he made with his lawyers, Evelyn Nesbit, his former wife, is to receive \$10 a day from him or his estate for the rest of her life. It was announced by them as a voluntary matter decided upon without even her knowledge. She had been getting such an allowance. It was understood.

An arrangement probably would be made, it was said, to pay her the money weekly. No mention was made of Miss Nesbit's son, Russell Thaw.

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WHERE THE PEOPLE DECIDE

Whole Families for Ferguson.
James E. Ferguson.

Dear Sir: I am a new citizen of Texas, but I have been here long enough to vote and I surely like your platform and you will get three votes out of my family. I like the way you stand against the K. K. K.

Now, Mr. Ferguson, I have two brothers here and both of them and their families are for you and you have got a good following out here. I have talked with a lot of people here and what we want is for you to come to Anson and make a speech and if you can come let us know so we can get it well advertised and you surely will have a crowd.

My wife and I think the Forum is the best paper there is and I do hope you will win in the first primary. I am a farmer 47 years old, renting land and I think you are the best friend the poor man has in the race. I hope you can come to Anson and I will get to see you and hear you speak and I think if you can arrange to speak here it will be a great benefit to your cause. I came here from Georgia a year ago last March and I am with you to the end.

Yours truly,
E. A. RILEY,
Anson, Texas.

(Governor Ferguson will endeavor to speak to his friends at Anson before the campaign closes.—Editor)

People Need Awakening.

Editor Forum: I tell you and all concerned that the farmers are asleep. That is a large percentage of them are. They are doped with the worst kind of Big Business and Political Doctors' Bitter Pills, that can be given and they will not wake up until they are worked nearly to death. Yes sir: I say they are drunk and not only drunk but blind and deaf. Oh, how I wish the people would awaken from their ignorance, open their eyes and behold the pitiable plight they are in. Poor, naked and homeless, will they never awaken until it is too late to be saved? I fear not until their chance for salvation has passed. When all hope is gone and the night of despair has come they will awake to their condition and find that it is too late and there is no hope for them. Oh, how I wish for them to get together in a body, join forces and stick together, fight together and win together. Now is the time and the accepted time. If they miss this time and fall then four years from now the whole thing will be plunged into ruin.

There is a good time coming, but O the work of clearing the way and making ready for a righteous government will be hard! For a government for all the people alike, not for a few rich bankers and money lords who would rule the world, nor for the K. K. K. neither. So, all pull to gether and fight for such a government.

G. H. DAVENPORT,
Jacksonville, Texas.

Ferguson Stronger Than Ever.

Dear Sir, Received the copies sent me and have handed them out but they didn't go half way around. Will be glad to have you send me more, because as I have stated to you, I will do anything to help elect Farmer Jim as our next governor. You will get a stronger vote in this part of the country than ever before. The people seem to be waking up and getting tired of state officials putting over things as they have been doing for several years. As my little girl says: "Our Father who art in Austin, Pat Neff be thy name. Thy kingdom come with a big brass drum; play high, low, jack and the game." I think they have played high long enough, because they have got about all the game, and we don't get anything but low because it seems that this is all we can make and there is some high-brow ready to take in that.

I am another one of those F. L. U. of A. members. Our local consists of about thirty-one, all of whom are for Jim except one and he is for Felix. Of course you know the reason why, K. K. K. So, come on, boys, let us elect a man who will stand by us. A friend in need is a friend indeed. If Texas ever was in need of a governor it is right now and Jim Ferguson is the man they say all the poor people will vote for. If this be true then we surely will put him over the top. It is not the biggest always that outruns his rival every time because we have seen a jack rabbit out run a cow, which reminds us of the man who prayed for a change and said: "Oh, Lord, I am only a common farmer. Thou knowest when wheat was \$2 a bushel and I had flour and sugar in the house and cake and pie every time I wanted them I was not satisfied and voted for a change. Thou knowest that I wore a Neff badge and was faithful in all things to the great democratic party. Thou knowest that I believed in the dawn of a new day and that wool would advance in price and that I would get \$3 for wheat and 25 cents for my pork. Lord, four years have gone by never to return and I am too poor to buy out Rockefeller or Henry Ford, but I still wear a Neff badge, but it is on the seat of my overalls. O Lord, I am thankful for one thing, and that is that Neff has been able to make jack rabbits taste good in the summertime. I pray that thou will keep them replenished so that I shall not want. I am glad,

O Lord, that Thou hast prepared the railroads and that they have been able to keep up their freights when my corn would not pay the expense of gathering it. And I pray that Thou will continue to uphold Mellon that he may continue to be able to collect for years the interest on his bank account for his is a righteous cause.

"Let us not be led into the temptation to vote for a true democrat for governor, for Neff's got all the power, Mellon all the money, Rockefeller all the oil and I the patched trousers, forever and forever. Amen!"

JOHN THOMAS,
Cleburne, Tex., Route 4.

Wants Ferguson for Next Governor.

Dear Governor: I hope you will be our next governor. I am sending you money for three subscriptions to the Forum to be sent to R. F. Hall, Bob Holcomb and myself, all at Madisonville, route 2.

Yours truly,
R. F. PARKER,
Madisonville, Texas.

From a Loyal Boy Friend.

Dear Sir: I am a little boy nine years old. My father is a Ferguson man. I guess you will know that because he named me for you. I live between Blum and Osceola. I go to school at Blanton and I am in the third grade. I have to walk two miles to school.

If you ever come to Blum be sure and come to see me. I like to work on the farm. I will close, hoping to see you some time.

JAMES FERGUSON KEMP,
Blum, Texas, Route 1.

Likes Ferguson's Opening Speech.

Editor Forum: We surely did enjoy reading the opening speech made by Governor Ferguson. It is a message that should appeal to every class of people, except that class which is struggling to get all the money in the hands of the few, and to make slaves out of the so-called common people. Of course, such a platform as Ferguson's will not suit them. I am glad that the Dallas News editor was so kind as to give your speech so much space. I believe that people are aroused over politics more than ever before. I believe that they are going to look more closely into the candidate's qualifications and brain capacity than ever before. I mean that they will try to select the man who knows what the state needs and has sense enough to put what he knows into operation. I fully believe that Ferguson is the man who knows and can do that.

I hope that the women of the rural sections of the state will realize the necessity for them to vote this year and will all go to the polls and vote for Ferguson, the only candidate for governor who shows the people how taxes can be reduced. I would ask every voter who does not favor Ferguson to stop and ask himself or herself the question, "Can his platform be beat?"

I believe that the farm-labor union has just about ruined itself. We are great believers in the union, but when they had declared in the press and from the stump that no one but a dirt farmer could get their endorsement, and turned in and endorsed a man who I don't suppose ever farmed a day in his life, and who I know has never done anything for the farmers, why it is easy for anyone to say he is in sympathy with the farmer. It is a different thing when it comes to doing something for the farmers.

I think all union men who pledged themselves to vote for anybody except Ferguson will make the greatest mistake of their lives. There is not a man in the state who has kept up with the record of current events but knows that Ferguson has done more to enlighten the people of his state to the conditions of corruption than any man living. Every school teacher should be for Ferguson because if things go on as they are a little longer all the school teachers will be cut off the list of teachers except those who are able to attend the highest schools, no matter how well qualified he or she may be.

We have had people with high education and no sense running our government so long that it is about to crumble. So, to save the state and also the nation, give us men with good, everyday common sense rather than men with education and no common sense.

MRS. S. E. STINSON,
Hico, Texas.

Good Christians Do Not Hide Faces.

Hon. James E. Ferguson.
Dear Governor: We are interested in your paper and also we want to see you the next occupant of the governor's chair. We want a governor who will do something besides draw a salary and choke the little taxpayers to death, pretending always to wish to help the farmer but never doing anything to give that help. The good Lord only knows what will be our doom if we don't get some man who will uncover his face and stand up for the right. If we are true Christians then we are brothers and there is only one God, one heaven and one place of torment. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son," and Christ died on the cruel cross for humanity. He was Jew himself. Now think of a cowardly bunch which will cover up their faces and go out pretending to do

so-called Christian act. You can't cover your face and be like Christ. You cannot find where Christ ever covered His face while here on earth. Read this from Matthew 6:16, "Moreover when ye fast be not as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance; for they disfigure their faces that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward."

How can we study the Bible and see as some do see it. But, we are not to be the judges. There is only one judge for such and God says, Judge not, lest ye be judged.

Mr. Ferguson, may God guide and help you through your campaign and when you take the governor's chair may God take a seat with you and be a companion to you. He will stick tighter than a brother or sister; He will stick to the end. We need Christ here to help us more and more. I could write a whole page but if you will pardon me I will close.

Enclosed you will find check for \$5 for which please send the Forum to addresses here given until September 1.

Wishing you much success as ever,
MR. AND MRS. J. H. ROYAL,
Milford, Texas.

Must Have the Forum.

Forum Company: I notice that my subscription to the Forum has expired. I am therefore enclosing \$1.00 for which please extend my subscription to the Forum for six months as it is impossible for me to get along without it.

Yours respectfully,
L. L. HARRIS,
Diboll, Tex., Box 51.

Will Defeat Imperial Wizard.

Editor Forum: I see the politicians have begun to send out their political dope and in that they say that Mr. Ferguson will be in the run-off and will be defeated in the last battle. They say the forces of the other candidates that stand for a visible government will join hand with the invisible forces and help defeat Mr. Ferguson.

I do not believe one word of that. They fooled them two years ago by telling them that Mr. Ferguson was a bad man and Mayfield was a good man, in fact, that this man Mayfield had lived such a pure and consecrated life they doubted very much that he would ever have to taste the sting of death. He would be just transfigured and carried away alive. But this investigation is opening their eyes. They see the negro in the wood pile.

They see Mr. Ferguson was fighting the battle of the laboring masses and Mr. Mayfield represented the big corporations as the investigation that has just begun has already shown that the big oil corporations have been dropping a thousand dollars apiece for his campaign.

Now, have you even heard it charged against the Ferguson forces that if Mr. Ferguson was defeated in the first battle they will join hands with the invisible forces and help defeat your man? No, they will never do that. They aim to meet you out on the political battlefield of this state in the high noonday with uncovered faces and fight you the hardest fought battle that has ever been fought in this state. But if their leader falls in the first battle you will see them rush over to the commander who is still carrying the banner of the visible government and join hands with him and his forces and help press the battle on that much harder, until victory is won and bury the imperial wizard and his forces so deep that they will never be heard of more on the political battlefield of Texas.

M. O. RUCKER,
Fairy, Texas.

Ferguson Recruits Lifting Up.

Hon. James E. Ferguson.
My Dear Governor: I will write you a few lines to inform you that the boys are all here. The trenches are dug and are filling fast with the greatest army of Ferguson recruits that ever went forth to do political battle. We intend to keep pushing our political enemy until the day of the primary in July, then the greatest battle of ballots will be fought. When the enemy lines are broken and the smoke of battle clears away we will send back to Austin the greatest conquering hero that ever lived in Texas, Gov. James E. Ferguson, with his good name vindicated. We will then gather our tattered flags and march back to our little rural school houses and there plant them on the roofs of the school houses in memory of the greatest friend the little boys and girls of Texas ever had.

When these little boys and girls are men and women they will reverse the name of Governor Ferguson just like we do the names of Houston, Crockett, Reagan and Hogg, four of the greatest democrats who ever lived. There is more Ferguson talk and activity than I ever have seen and if we all sit steady in the boat and work together we are certain to win the victory.

Yours as ever,
S. H. MOSES,
Waxahachie, Texas.

Likes Ferguson's Speech.

James E. Ferguson.
Dear Sir: I was glad to get the Forum containing your speech and also your picture. I am a Ferguson man from head to toe. You have lots

of friends in Cherokee county and Angelina county will go almost solid for you. I read your speech, liked it fine and I am doing all I can for you.

I am in a hurry now but will write again and would like to have you make a speech at Alto. Hoping you will be our next governor, I am,

Your friends,
JOHN L. CHUMLEY,
Alto, Texas.

Old Confederate Strong for Ferguson.

James E. Ferguson.
Dear Friend: I have been for you and your cause ever since you ran for governor against Tom Ball and the way your enemies have done you only made more friends for you. I live at Weatherford and am here on a visit and will go to the Confederate reunion at Memphis, Tenn. I am 85 and just in my prime. I want you to send me a few copies of your Forum.

J. F. WELLS,
Fort Worth, Texas, Route 4,
Box 113.

Hopes Ferguson Will Win.

Dear Sir: I am anxious to get a copy of your speech made at Kerens, opening your campaign for governor. Hope to see you elected.

Myself, wife and several children will support you.

Yours truly,
H. K. FOOTE,
Covington, Texas.

Ferguson Told the Truth.

Gov. James E. Ferguson.

Dear Sir: When you published the charge to the effect that certain large public service corporations in Dallas and Fort Worth were behind the Ku Klux Klan I could not believe it to be true because it seemed incredible that large enterprises of a quasi public nature should fall into the hands of men so blind and stupid as to commit such important trusts to the keeping of a criminal agency. Lately I have had occasion to make an investigation which, to my amazement, has shown that your charges on this subject are true to the uttermost. The Klan in Dallas and Fort Worth is to all practical intent dominated by the lawyers, agents and lobbyists of public service corporations.

Your foresight and courage in bringing this important fact to the attention of the public deserves recognition from every good and law abiding citizen of this state.

A question that may well be asked is, why is the attorney general of the state so silent on this subject when the facts are so easily at his command and his duty is so plainly declared by law? The offense for which the Waters-Pierce Oil company was fined \$1,400,000 was a trifling compared with the offense of these public service corporations in helping to foist Klan rule in Texas.

Upon this issue good men will not differ and only the hired lobbyists and creatures of the offending corporations will offer a defense.

E. G. SENTER,
Dallas, Texas.

Tide Washes Bootleg Whiskey Ashore and Soldiers Have Spree

New York, May 28.—Horrorful tales are going the round of a happening at Governor's Island, New York harbor, a few nights ago. Governor's Island, as is well known, is headquarters of the second corps area of the United States army—one of the most important military posts in the country.

Governor's Island also unfortunately lies right athwart the greatest bootleg trail in all the world. Scarcely a night goes by but that the barracks building do not echo with the rattle of musketry and machine gun fire from the patrols and police boats chasing bootleg craft across the harbor. When in close quarters the bootleggers jettison their cargo.

On the night with which this story deals, the B. L. brigade jettisoned a couple of scores of cases of old-time Black and White. Some civil genius of destiny at that moment set the swing of the tide toward Governor's Island. Thirty-seven of the cases brought up on the beach. A soldier's Robinson Crusoe looking for footprints on the sand discerned the grand "driftwood." Surprisingly he spread the glad tidings.

Well anyway the Sixteenth Infantry, due to start for Camp Dix next day, was delayed a full 48 hours and the guardhouse became so jammed with the celebrants it was necessary to let 'em all out. About the only soldiers who failed to get "theirs" were those who were already in the jug at the time of the big discovery. It was a grand spree while it lasted and the army authorities don't see there is anything they can do about it.

Bobbed-Hair Nurses Quickly Win Strike Over Hospital Rule

Kansas City.—The "bobbed" brigade of Research hospital won the tonorial war the other day, and secured reinstatement of ten student nurses, who were suspended Saturday for bobbing their hair.

Sixty-five student nurses deserted their patients at noon and refused to return to their bedsides until the hospital training committee revoked its ban on bobbed hair, which it had laid in the morning.

The ruling was quickly revoked.

Klansmen Called to Grand Rally Turn Tail as They Meet Smiling Del Rio Citizens Near Hall Door

That a broad streak of yellow runs through our local apostles of righteousness by the tar and feather treatment, is evidenced by the complete collapse of the proposed gathering in force of the Del Rio klansmen last Saturday night, in the face of the quiet determination of a handful of anti-klan citizens to identify them.

As long as your klansman can go secretly about a community, with eyes and ears open, spying on the morals of his fellow citizens and passing judgment on them, his noble soul fills with pride and he is as care free as the mountain bird. "Lord, I thank Thee that I am not as other men, publicans and sinners," he repeats gleefully to himself as he spots the unregenerates. But at some one to spot the spotter, to bite the bitter, and your real klansman will run to cover as if ten thousand devils were at his heels. It is rather mortifying, of course, for an honest klansman to have to turn tail, but as the French say, "que voulez-vous?" You can't have klanism without secrecy and you can't have secrecy without taking to the tail timber when occasion requires. Therefore, brothers and sister, running to cover is one of the most sacred duties that klanism imposes on its votaries. But let us on to the battle of Saturday night, when the klansmen fled on all sides from a few smiling citizens who took position in front of the Ware building to record the names of those who attended the grand invocation scheduled for that evening at 8 o'clock. And as klansmen after klansmen approached the Ware building last Saturday night, and saw that there was no possible chance to slip in without being observed, all manifested the same symptoms, hesitation accompanied by a slight trembling at the knees and followed by an irresistible urge to tack about and navigate in the opposite direction. A few of the bolder ones, adopting a nonchalant air, approached the spotter, explaining that their purpose in answering the call for the proposed meeting, was curiosity to know what was taking place. But not a single klansman, or curiosity seeker, put his foot inside the Ware building last Saturday night, once more proving conclusively what has been proven again and again, that publicity is the weapon your klansman fears most.

Questioned as to why they are opposed to klan activity here, spokesmen for the Del Rio citizens who took part in Saturday night's comedy said: "We are opposed to the klan because experience has shown that wherever it has appeared in a community, it has bred suspicion and distrust. It paralyzes all spirit of co-operation. It violates every principle of Christianity and fair dealing between man and man. We do not want to see the spirit of neighborliness, helpfulness and good will which has hitherto made our town such a pleasant place to live in, turned into a spirit of religious prejudice and racial acrimony. We believe that the good citizenship should actively and openly oppose its entrance into any community."

All efforts to get the klansmen's version of the Saturday night fiasco were without avail. Apparently there are no klansmen in Del Rio.—West Texas News.

In the above article, what we wish to call the attention of our readers to, is not so much the fact that the proposed meeting of klan proponents turned itself into a fiasco, although that of itself gives food for thought, but the fact that the anti-klan citizenship gave expression to such a distinct and plain portrayal of the evils of the klan. You can travel far and make many investigations without finding the evils of that organization summed up in so few words or with such clearness and conviction. If it were not for the fact that the klan causes dissension and factional fights among citizens of any community, the klan would be all right; and were it not for the facts that the beliefs and practices of the klan are repugnant to many influential citizens of the community, if it confined its activities to chastising and otherwise correcting its own members and leaving the other fellow to his own opinions and practices, there would not be so much opposition to the organization.

But the klan, so far as we can learn, does not confine itself to the preaching and practice of such measures. Rather, it works on the supposition that members are good enough and persons not members are the ones who should be corrected—both morally and from a legal standpoint. The chief, and in fact, about the only objection to the klan, aside from the fact that it does not work toward securing the greatest amount of co-operation among citizens, is that it does not take into cognizance the fact that laws have been made to cover every crime possible for man to commit. They do not leave enforcement of the law to the regularly chosen peace officers. This, while not always the case, should be considered an affront to those peace officers capable of enforcement of laws. And, in the event that the laws are not being enforced, due to laxity on the part of the officers, there is always a remedy—citizens can take it upon themselves to effect a disposal of the law official, and place another in his stead who can and will enforce the law to its capacity. We have no objection to the klan in its desire to have the law of the land enforced. The law should be enforced. But we depart from the teachings of the klan when it comes to deciding the methods of enforcement to be used in its enforcement. The laws says that every man charged with a crime is innocent until he is proven guilty. The klan acts on the assumption that he is guilty, not taking into consideration extenuating circumstances. Anyhow, punishment of crime is the duty of the regularly constituted government and should not be usurped by any body or organization of men, who profess to uphold the law, and then usurps its chief duties—regulation of the citizenship and punishment of individuals when necessary.

As to the religious aspect of the

problem, we have just this to say: This government was founded by our forefathers upon the principles of religious, political and personal freedom, withholding nothing from the individual so long as he obeyed the law nor offended his neighbors. When any organization attempts to destroy religious freedom, we are opposed to it to the best of our ability and strength.

O klan, where is thy consistency?—Ozona Stockman.

Klan Alliance Likely to Bring Disaster to Indiana Republicans

In 1916 the Hughes majority in Indiana was less than 7,000. In 1918 the republican state ticket won by pluralities averaging less than 50,000. In 1922 Senator Ralston defeated Albert J. Beveridge by less than 34,000 votes. Only in the landslide of 1920 has a recent election registered a large republican plurality. The Indiana vote is traditionally close, and the raising of the Ku Klux issue in the state emphasizes the fact that the carefully organized negro vote has usually been sufficient to account for republican victories. Without the negroes the republican machine would have lost more elections than it has won.

This year the primaries showed the republican party in the grip of the Ku Klux Klan. The state ticket is a Ku Klux ticket. Senator Watson, one of the inner circles at Washington, is in open sympathy with the successful klan politicians. This presents one of the major puzzles of the national campaign. What will be the effect on the negro vote? Will the negroes remain loyal to tradition, or will fear of the klan triumph over the old love for the "party of Lincoln," which is the party of Lincoln no longer?

If factionalism and the disgrace of McCray had not frightened the republican leaders such a line-up would be unthinkable. Officially, at least, the party leaders would still be coddling the negro vote. The Ku Klux venture in Indiana is a gesture of desperation, which will have its effect in the neighboring states of Illinois and Ohio, where also the negro voters wield considerable power.—New York World.

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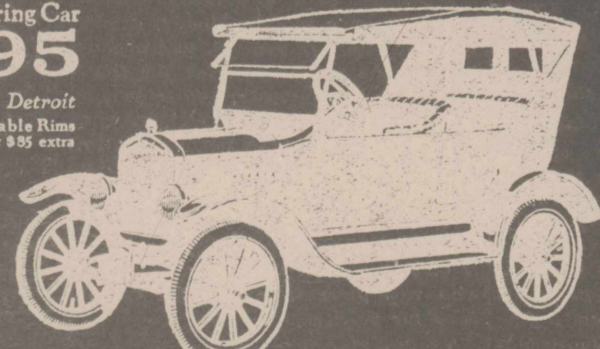
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