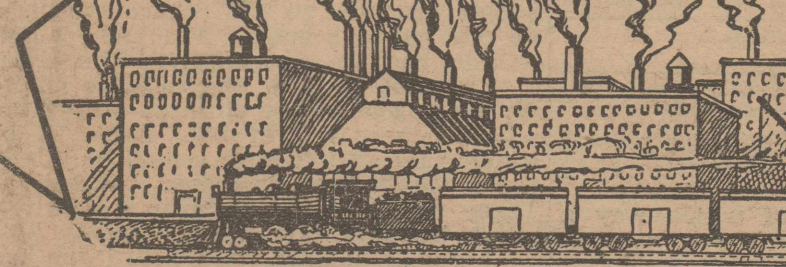


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## Large Beeville Audience Defies Fire Alarm and Noise of Machine Gun to Listen to Jim Ferguson

One of the most remarkable political gatherings that has ever assembled in Beeville was the one of last Friday afternoon, May 23, when former Gov. James E. Ferguson delivered an address in the court house in behalf of his candidacy for governor.

It was a remarkable demonstration in several particulars. It was the largest crowd that has ever gathered in Bee county to hear a candidate for office since the visit of former Senator Joseph Weldon Bailey four years ago. The audience gave the speaker one of the most remarkably attentive hearings ever witnessed here. For two hours the big audience sat and stood apparently spell-bound while the former governor presented his cause.

The speaking was held in the county court room, the larger district court room having been unavailable. It had been engaged by the Chamber of Commerce for its advertised rally. People came from the four corners of this entire section and soon the court room was crammed with a mass of humanity. Every seat was occupied. Scores stood around the walls, stood in the aisles and sat in the windows. The corridor leading to the room was jammed with men and women anxious to hear the speaker. Hundreds were unable to get within hearing distance of his voice and left the building disappointed.

In the midst of his address the Chamber of Commerce rally day festival was held. The fire alarm was sounded and a band led a parade to the court house plaza. Fire trucks with their sirens screeching traversed

the streets and on the court house lawn the Texas national guard company held maneuvers, the machine guns keeping up a wartime clatter as countless blank cartridges were burned.

In the face of all this distraction the large audience patiently waited for quiet to come again so the speaker could continue his address. He merely paused and asked the audience to be patient. Not a single man or woman left the room, not a one of the large number standing in the corridor turned his face from the speaker. It was a most remarkable incident, and doubly so when scores in the audience did not know why the sirens screeched and why the machine guns sputtered.

B. D. Tarlton presented Governor Ferguson to the audience. "Ten years ago I had the privilege of introducing a candidate for the governorship, a man who was virtually unknown in the state. He had aspired to the high office on his own initiative, without asking the politicians. Today, this man is one of the best-known men in the south and he knows more individuals than any other man in Texas. He has filled the governor's office to the satisfaction of the people. He has been loyal to the trust imposed in him by the people of this state," Mr. Tarlton said.

As Governor Ferguson concluded his speech he was given an ovation. The crowd stood and cheered for several minutes. Men, women and children passed single file and shook the former governor's hand.—Beeville Bee.

## Dr. Clark Announces as Candidate to Go Back to the Senate

Schulenburg, Tex., June 4.—Dr. I. E. Clark, who was elected to the Texas senate in 1914 and re-elected twice since, is a candidate to represent the fifteenth district. Under the reapportionment adopted by the legislature all the thirty-one senators must be elected this year. The announcement of Dr. Clark is in the form of an affidavit and is as follows:

I hereby announce for re-election to the state senate in the fifteenth senatorial district, composed of Austin, Colorado, Fayette, Lavaca and Waller counties. I served as state senator in the thirty-third, thirty-fourth, thirty-fifth, thirty-sixth, thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth legislatures. I have always voted the sentiments of the majority of my constituents and if I am elected will do as I have always done—vote to reduce taxes.

I do not belong to any Ku Klux Klan. I have never belonged to any Ku Klux Klan and never expect to belong to any Ku Klux Klan, nor have I ever made application to any Ku Klux Klan to become a member of said clan.

Yours truly,  
SENATOR I. E. CLARK.  
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 15th day of April, 1924.  
(Seal) E. W. KUHN,  
Notary Public, Fayette County, Texas.

## CONSTITUTIONALITY OF BONUS BILL QUESTIONED

New York, June 3.—Action to test the constitutionality of the bonus bill is contemplated by the Ex-Service Men's Anti-Bonus league.

Captain Knowlton Durham, national president of the league, said today that a committee of lawyers had been appointed to determine whether injunctions could be brought against the secretary of the treasury, the war and navy departments and the veterans' bureau, preventing payment of a bonus in cash or insurance certificates.

## Convention at Waco Under Full Control of "Secret Order"

To the Dallas News.

I have just returned from court and on reaching my office the first thing that I took up was the News of today. I hastened through it to the editorial columns and the first thing that met my eyes was, "The State Convention." With all of your excellent editorials, and they are many, nothing equals or at least will overshadow the one of today.

A secret order controlled the precinct conventions. A secret order controlled the state convention. A secret order named the delegates, both state, at large and district delegates, this and nothing more. What matters it if by accident they should place a big man on the list? If a big man and he accepted he would lose his power in the rabble.

Progressive democracy of today means an increase of little men in office, an increase of inefficiency in office and an increase in expenditures of the public funds. What does it matter after all?

SID CRUMPTON,  
Texarkana, Texas.

## Girls Answer Ad and Receive Tapeworm as Certain Fat Reducer

Davenport, Iowa, June 4.—Two Davenport girls, not of the svelte, lissome type so favored by the day's fashions, answered an advertisement of an out-of-town company which offered a guaranteed method of reducing superfluous flesh and sent \$12.50 with the order. In return they each received a large capsule. One of the girls deposited the capsule on the bathroom window and left it there during the day.

The warm sun got in its work and when the girl returned home from her work she observed something moving in the "egg." She called her chum to warn her and then took the "medicine" to a physician, who declared each "pill" contained the head of a tapeworm. Both girls say they would rather remain plump than to swallow a worm.

## GOING GOOD

Beginning last Wednesday, the 28th, at Hillsboro, I have had eight large and responsive crowds in my campaign through central and north Texas. The interest in the governor's race is now assuming interesting proportions. The people are beginning at my suggestion to study and compare the platforms of the different candidates for governor. This is all that I need to win in this contest. The fair-minded man who will inform himself must come to the conclusion, whether he likes me or not, that my candidacy represents the only specific remedy in the matter of tax reduction and the settlement of the much faced Ku Klux question.

I have purposely refrained from calling the names of my opponents in order to direct the people to the issues rather than to the personal ambitions of men. I again here and now emphasize the fact that no other candidate for governor has laid his hand upon a single tax upon anything that he will abolish or reduce by the veto power of the governor, nor has any of them mentioned or promised to abolish any useless board now supported by a tax on the people. If they cannot tell the people just where they can reduce taxes before the election, it is ridiculous to think or expect them to do it after the election. If a candidate has now such little information about the affairs of the state government that he cannot now tell the people of some tangible and direct way that he is going to produce economy in government, then it will take him at least two years when he gets in office to find out what he wants to do. The people are fast realizing that my three years experience in the governor's office gives them a better opportunity for quick reforms in the governor's office than if they elected some untried man who has not ability enough to know now just where to begin.

I had 2,000 people to hear me at Hillsboro and 196 women gave me their hand and promised their support. At Waxahachie I had 1,200 people and I am sure that I am much stronger in Ellis county than I have ever been before. At Farmersville in Collin county, 2,500 people did me the honor to stand in the street two hours and hear my defense of my platform. I am not so vain as to think that this is so much a personal tribute to me but I take it to be the anxious concern of the people in the issues which I have raised and the relief which I propose. At Sherman I had another thousand voters to hear me but as it was a cold night many were kept away. At Sherman I was told by more than twenty members of the Farmer Labor Union that they were supporting me in the campaign. I find this to be true all through central and north Texas and I am sure that I will get at least one-half of the Farmer Labor Union vote.

There is no mystery about this when it is remembered that I am running against five lawyers and one lumber king. I am the only candidate in the race following the occupation of a real dirt farmer and naturally the farming interest of the state thinks that I am qualified by occupation and experience to represent the farming interests of the state.

At Clarksville, in Red River county, the court house was packed and jammed. I was introduced by my old friend, T. T. Thompson, who was in the legislature and voter against all the charges that were made against me. Ed Edwards, my old stand-by, but at the same time one of the best posted men in northeast Texas politics, says that I have a good chance to carry Red River county over all the candidates in the first primary. My true and loyal friend, Mrs. M. L. Rogers, came all the way from Paris to Clarksville to present me with a bouquet of flowers and when I told the crowd that I had rather wear one simple flower given by one good woman than wear the Imperial Crown of the "Grand Gizard" in Atlanta, Georgia, they simply went wild.

I had a very busy day in Dallas and Kaufman counties last Saturday. Beginning at Crandall in Kaufman county I was introduced to an audience of fully 2,000 people by young Roy Hardin who is now running for the state senate from the district composed of Kaufman, Navarro, Henderson, Limestone, Anderson and Freestone counties. Over 200 women came forward and said they were anxious to vote for me or my wife, whichever was on the ticket. The people at Crandall also remembered me in a very nice way and I am sure that kind friends will not permit me to lose this campaign for the want of just a little money to keep me going. I addressed a large crowd at Mesquite and then spoke in the city auditorium in Dallas on Saturday night.

Of course everywhere there is much discussion of the suit brought to keep my name off the ticket and likewise there is much interest and curiosity about my wife having sent her name to the executive committee as a candidate for the nomination for governor. The decision to be rendered by the supreme court some time soon is awaited with more interest by more people than perhaps any other decision ever rendered by that great tribunal.

Regardless though of what the decision may be the people everywhere are beginning to realize that this whole proceeding to keep my name off the ticket is as much an infringement on their rights as it is upon mine. The

## Old Time Democrat Sees But One Man in Texas Race For Governor With Courage to Fight the Klan

Editor Forum:

Believing you will give space in your good paper to the musings of an old time democrat, who sat at the feet, politically speaking, of Roger Q. Mills, Richard Coke and John H. Reagan as a young man, and drank deep from the fountains of political economy and representative government, I write you to say:

The state convention assembled at Waco for 1924, is now history. It will doubtless be referred to and be known as the democratic state convention. Such, however, is true in name only. As we see and read of it, it was not only dictated to, run by, but surrendered to the Ku Klux Klan. Klansmen praised and white washed klansmen. Klansmen constituted its committees, wrote its platform and resolutions. Klansmen constitute a large, not to say a majority of the delegates to the national convention scheduled to meet in New York next month. That Waco convention surrendered bag and baggage to the Imperial Wizard and his subjects. What an inglorious, what an ignominious surrender.

What feelings come over me as I read of the democratic colors, the symbol of representative government, trailing in the dust behind the victorious standard of his Imperial Majesty, the Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan. I am dazed, bewildered and amazed. What does it all mean? "Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it not in the streets of Askelon."

Question: The klansman. What is he? If he be a true klansman, owing allegiance to his sovereign, the Imperial Wizard, is he not a traitor to his state and the nation and their institutions? If not, then why not? But if he say, I am a true American citizen and my allegiance is to my state and nation and their institutions, then is he not a fraud? If not, then why not? As above stated, I'm dazed and bewildered and I'm asking for information. As I see it, democracy and the Ku Klux Klan are as separate and distinct as water and oil. They do not, can not mix. "If God be God, serve Him. If Baal be God, then serve him," is still the standard of sincerity and true allegiance.

Oh, but says some klansmen, we are good Americans; we are just fighting the Catholic and the Jew. Is that so? If that be so, then what will all fair minded Americans think of you? Where will history place you? But says a wizard, a Catholic owes allegiance to the pope. Is that so? Since when? What does history say about it? Napoleon put the pope in prison. Now everybody, unless it be a klansman, knows that France was then, is now and always has been Catholic to the core. Did France show its allegiance, stand by Napoleon, or did it stand by the pope?

And the Jew. Will any man or set of men who call themselves American citizens, be narrow enough, small enough and mean enough, to fight another American citizen, just forsooth because he is a member of a race of men who gave the world the only authentic history of the creation? A race of men who gave the world the laws that constitute the foundation of all laws of the civilized nations of earth? A race of men giving us a religion that is the parent of our Christian religion? A race that gave the world such men as Abraham, Moses and the greatest bankers and merchants of earth today? We want to know.

Has it come to the pass that Texas no longer has a democratic party, but just a republican party and the Ku Klux Klan? Has it? I have fought the republican party, as such, all my life. But we fought in the open and for principle. In looking over the list of candidates for governor of Texas, I see one lone man, just one, who has the courage, the democracy, to fight the klan, and they are trying to take his name off the ticket. It seems to me that he and the men who support him, are our hope of democracy in this state. Will the people support him? I believe they will. Shall we be subjects or free men? Citizens? Shall we be slaves? Slaves to a band of fanatics whose song of triumph is a song of hate? Slaves to a horde of self-seeking klansman politicians? I call on the old guard to come to the front. I call on every self-respecting democrat in Texas, who prefers citizenship to being a subject, to rally to this man, lest democracy perish from the earth.

Respectfully,  
J. C. TOUCHSTONE  
Breckenridge, Texas.

## The Women of Texas Will Rally to Support Mrs. Ferguson

(To the Dallas News)  
There is a modest little home-loving wife and mother down at Temple, Texas, Miriam Ferguson, wife of former Governor James E. Ferguson, whom the eyes of the women of Texas are now upon.

The name of Miriam Ferguson may go on the democratic ticket as candidate for governor of Texas and will go on if the name of James E. Ferguson is kept off by a decision of the higher court of Texas.

Women over the state have already begun to talk, and they are saying that they will vote for Mrs. Ferguson for governor of Texas. There is a bond of sympathy between women with which the male portion of the world is very little acquainted.

When a wife, a mother suffers—then it is that women as a whole feel a kindred pang. Women know, and have known since the beginning of time, the mysteries of suffering—for they are the mothers of mankind.

The election of Miriam Ferguson, wife of the former governor of Texas, to the highest office of the state would mean a splendid victory for the women of Texas. Miriam Ferguson has nothing in the way to keep her from taking and holding the office of governor of Texas. As the wife of the governor who suffered at the hands of the people, she suffered, too, but without blame. The women of Texas are thinking, and in the frame of mind to want to vote for Mrs. Ferguson for governor. She is the only woman at present who could be elected to the office, and from the growing favor with which the idea is being fostered by women over the state it looks like Texas women, and the loyal friends and followers of Jim Ferguson, will put a woman in the governor's chair and that woman the wife of a former governor, a native daughter of Texas and a descendant of a sturdy pioneer family who had a part in the growth and development of the state.

West, Texas.  
ESTELLE HUDSON,

## FERGUSON'S SPEAKING DATES

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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Texas farmers can get along now without rain for several weeks.

The campaign will proceed regardless of which way a court decides.

Oats are being harvested and show a good yield in most agricultural localities.

The Jap newspapers object to Dr. Schurman as ambassador. Why not offer them Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler?

There is no hope for the farmers being given relief by this congress. There will be many new faces in the next congress.

The more the voters of Texas hear about L. L. L. T. the more enthusiastic they become in support of Jim Ferguson, whose slogan it is.

The spectacle of McAdoo saying "wet" interests are influencing the newspapers to freeze him out is one to make good democrats smile.

Some of the testimony at Washington in the Peddy-Mayfield contest is indicative of the klan system of putting klan interests above truth.

There are forty-eight candidates enrolled as applicants for places on the democratic primary ballot for thirteen jobs. Somebody will be disappointed.

If you are for Ferguson help the Forum which is his means of communication with the people. Subscribe for the campaign if you are not ready to subscribe for a whole year.

Watch the candidates for the legislature. A governor with a hostile legislature can do little. Find out where the legislative candidate stands on the subject of tax reduction.

Every line in the Forum is of interest to the Texas voters and every voter in Texas should be a subscriber if he wants to know the exact truth about what is going on in the campaign.

The national republican organization seems to be getting ready to excommunicate LaFollette and several of his kind. If LaFollette is a republican what about Abraham Lincoln?

The voters of Texas will have a chance to vote for a Ferguson on the Ferguson platform. Don't overlook the fact that the women are able to swing the election, if they will so to do.

Neff is junketing along the Pacific coast and the lieutenant governor is touring the state in the interest of his own candidacy for the governorship. Verily the Texans are being treated to a sample of a government on wheels.

McAdoo, seeing the handwriting on the wall, is paying the way for an alibi by charging the newspapers with trying to freeze him out. He can hardly get away with that, but he might cite Tom Love as one of the causes of his defeat.

An attack will be made upon the constitutionality of the bonus measure. That is to be expected. The kaiser is harmless now and the "patriots for profit and pelf" have no immediate need for protection at the hands of gallant American soldiers.

Here is a good one from a Texas exchange: The University of Texas is proving its progressive spirit by appointing a football coach at twice the salary paid to most of the members of the faculty. So long as the feet are educated what matter if the brain is neglected?

The Japs are trying a boycott of American goods in retaliation for the passage of the immigration exclusion bill. The Japs are wise. They know that the "pocket nerve" of American trusts is the most sensitive. Now listen for clamor from "our evangels of foreign commerce."

Senator Norris, whom a kiss could not bribe into approval of the Ford offer for Muscle Shoals, evidently wants to create the impression that Henry bribed Coolidge by stepping aside from the presidential race and handing Calvin a bouquet. With Norris and his ilk the G. O. P. is carrying a heavy handicap in the presidential derby.

Coolidge has signed the new tax bill which democrats and insurgent republicans forced through as a substitute for the Mellon tax plan. The tax on small incomes is cut one-fourth, effective on the 1923 returns and one-half on future returns. That is some solace for the small taxpayer, but President Coolidge has a mighty poor opinion of the new bill and denounced it while signing it.

One consoling feature about the way the Texas delegation to the national democratic convention has been tied up by the klandoodles is that it will not be necessary for all the members to stick close to convention hall. They can leave one to answer roll call while others get a line on refreshments such as may be had in New York by those who may be troubled with pre-Volstead thirst.

The Klanadoo convention at Waco tied up the Texas delegation with orders to vote for McAdoo "till H— freezes over" or words to that effect. When the sixty Klan-bound delegates begin to swelter in Madison Square Garden under the humid atmosphere of New York, they will sigh for the soft prairie breezes of Texas and realize what a terribly long hot spell we are having before freezing time. There'll be no freeze in New York this June.

The university has a new president and the stadium hustlers have a new chairman. Lutch Stark resigned and he and Will Hogg have shaken hands. Now everybody who wants to insure enough room for the football boys and their high-salaried coach to play around in, can "kick in" with liberal sums of money. The question of the president's salary is not so pressing although the newly elected prexy is coming all the way from the Pacific coast to talk about it.

The Texas McAdoo special will start for New York June 20, but the name of this train need not bar any traveler with the price from riding with the Texas klandoodle delegation in the company of Tom Love, and the klan cohorts. The "Old Gray Mare Band" of Brownwood, which did not play McAdoodle tunes at the Waco convention, but did boost Alvin Owsley, may go along. If it does it will attract greater attention and more favorable notice than the official Texas delegation.

The Old Confederates are in session this week at Memphis. That "Thin Gray Line" which means so much of patriotism, so much of unselfish sacrifice for country and flag, so much of dauntless courage and unflinching heroism, is growing thinner and thinner as each recurring reunion is held, but the cause for which they fought is still cherished in the hearts of southern men and women who know what that awful four years of war meant. Progressivism has not yet torn away a syllable of the principles for which the soldiers of the south fought.

## AN APPEAL TO THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS

Editor Forum:

I want to appeal to the sensible people of this state to vote for the only man who has come out squarely and told the people just how he will reduce our taxes if elected and build up our public schools. We know he will do as he says he will do, because we have tried him before.

I cannot see how any sensible mother can refuse to vote for Ferguson as her children would be sitting today in old school houses full of knot holes. I have been telling the people that all our good school buildings ought to have these words emblazoned on them: "In honor of James Ferguson." These words should be over the entrance of every country school building in the state of Texas.

I was at Sherman and heard Jim speak and now you can gamble on it that good women will vote for Jim. The women have lost confidence in the promises that our officials have made for the last eight or ten years. Their promises have been like bubbles in the air and the people are getting sore on such promises. The common people of Texas have been balled up, held up and held down, bull-dozed and black-jacked, walked over, cheated and mooched, stuck for war tax income tax, per capita school tax, county tax, dog tax and car tax, syntax, liberty bonds and bonds of matrimony, also Red Cross, green cross and double cross. We have worked like Hades and have been worked in every shape like Hades. Lost all we had because we wouldn't spend or lend all the balance and go beg, borrow or steal. We have been cussed, discussed, robbed and run over and durn near trimmed and ruined. The only reason we are here yet is we are staying to see what in the H— is coming next.

Now this condition is going to be stopped some way so the best way to stop it is to vote for the one who offers a remedy and a sure one and the only one. If there was only one doctor in a community who could cure certain diseases and you was affected with one of them, wouldn't you get him? To be sure you would. Now we want to use the legislature as nurses to carry out the doctor's plans. A doctor cannot be successful if the nurses do not carry out his instructions.

Same way with the plans of the governor. So we must be careful about whom we vote for as helpers at Austin. There is one thing I think ought to be changed in our primary rules. That is if a republican wanted to change and vote for a democrat all he would have to do would be to sign his name on the back of his poll tax receipt as a democrat. But I guess the Neff gang would object to that as Ferguson would get hundreds more of votes.

I often think of the song about our "Land of Liberty" Where is it? "The land of the brave and the free?" We don't hear those songs sung much these days. If perchance, you hear one it sounds hypocritical. The good feeling that used to run through the veins of our forefathers flows sluggishly through our veins.

Well, Governor Ferguson, here is hoping you will win by 100,000 or more.

W. A. LEE,

Bonham, Texas.

## FORD SHOWS UP RAILROAD EXECUTIVES

The railroad executives of the country who are clamoring for government guarantee and spending huge sums of money wrung from the people who pay the freight, have been placed clearly upon the defensive by Henry Ford. The great manufacturer has given them an object lesson in taking a bankrupt, run-down railroad and building it up by legitimate traffic management and straight railroad business to a revenue maker, showing a net operating income last year around \$1,700,000. The story of this railroad venture of Ford is interesting and the New York World condenses it into a brief editorial comment as follows:

"When Henry Ford bought the Detroit, Toledo and Iron- ton railroad a few years ago for \$5,000,000 it had a bonded debt of some \$9,000,000 and stock capitalization of \$13,000,000. It was in chronic bankruptcy. It often failed to earn running expenses. It now has a net operating income running around \$1,700,000 for 1923, and this on an expenditure on the property of scarcely more than \$1,000,000 of new money. It is now planning to double track and electrify the whole line, which runs into Southern Ohio.

"Mr. Ford tells in the World's Work how this transformation came about. He denies that he paid for the property less than it was worth. He paid a good deal more than what its bonds and stocks were quoted at in the market. He did not buy it because he wanted a railroad but because he wanted a piece of property belonging to the road.

"Nor did he think to make the road a mere facility to the Ford motor plant. His motor and tractor business now supplies 40 to 60 per cent of the road's freight, and he says it could have had that before it had the facilities.

"He has simply applied certain principles which he would apply to any business: 'Do the job without red tape, pay every man well, put all machinery in the best condition possible.' Results: The road had 2,700 employees to handle 5,010,000 tons of freight. It now handles 7,531,000 tons with 2,390 employees. The lowest man on the road's payroll gets \$1,872 a year for an eight-hour day without overtime. The average wage for more hours on the average American railroad is stated to be only \$1,588 a year.

"Mr. Ford intimates that the road could have been made to pay before but that it was run by and for bankers and their commissions on financing it. He is certainly putting the general railroad management of the country on the defensive."

## PAYING OUR POSTAL EMPLOYEES

The question of adequate pay for the employees of the postal service has been before congress a long time and congress has failed to take final action in a way that it should. Some pretense to giving relief to these faithful government employees is embodied in the senate bill recently passed, but in the opinion of the New York World:

"As it passed the senate the importance of the Postal Salary Bill was obscured by the rider amendment requiring reports of campaign contributions at ten-day intervals. The bill itself is important. It should pass the house. It should be signed by the president, even though it does not provide increased revenue to meet the expense.

"This bill is one instance in which that wise rule should be suspended: Higher postal salaries are an emergency need. Thousands of skilled and experienced postal workers have been hanging on in hope. If this bill fails, many, disgusted and desperate, will leave the department. Service will be demoralized.

"Whether the increase in salaries can be met by the increased efficiency of more contented workers, by increased business traceable to better service, by arrangement of rates to make the parcel post self-supporting, by direct draft on the treasury or by a combination of these possibilities is a secondary consideration. To prevent demoralization of service the need for an increase in salaries is immediate."

Press reports say the Madison Square Garden where the democratic national convention will be held will be "dry" and that the concessionaire of the restaurant and soft drink privilege has been required to make heavy bond that he will taboo all booze. Texas' immortal sixty, empowered to cast forty votes, will need "bracers" when the balloting is over and the male members probably will have a telephone number by the calling of which they will discover a leak in the "dry" law. It took forty barrels to quench the democratic thirst at San Francisco in 1920 and there were grateful Texans whose parched throats had become sore shouting for McAdoo who were in on the "wetness" on that occasion.

## THE PEOPLE WANT FERGUSON. WHO SHALL DENY THEM?

They say that former Governor James E. Ferguson's name cannot go on the democratic primary ticket for the office of governor. Jim Ferguson, like the rest of us, has his faults, and some of them may be bad, but at the present he is as good a man as there is running for governor. He has fought for the lowering of taxes, he stood out against the University that the rural schools could have more money to run on, so that the country children could have equal chances with the city children. All this is right and just, and because he is accused of doing something which was never proven, there are those who would hold him down like a criminal without a chance to vindicate himself.

He was not impeached lawfully. He was not treated as he had endeavored to treat the people, fair and justly. Why not then, in the name of common sense and equal justice, give him another chance? The people of Blanco county and of Texas want him, why should they not have a chance to vote for him?—Blanco Courier.

## TEXAS ANTI KLAN SONG

(TUNE DIXIE)

Oh, Texas shall not be disgraced,  
The Lone Star will not hide her face  
And never shall it be eclipsed,  
With winding sheets and pillow slips  
Kan the Klan, kan the Klan  
In dear old Texas land.

Old Davy Crockett, the man that said:  
"Be sure your're right, then go ahead,"  
Oh, Davy was our great hero,  
He died with Travis at the Alamo  
Kan the Klan, kan the Klan  
In our good old Texas land.

Did old Santa Anna ever ask;  
If Sam Houston wore a mask?  
When he kanned the greaser ban?  
In our San Jacinto land.  
Kan the Klan, kan the Klan,  
In our dear old Texas land.

Did Kaiser Bill ever stop to ask;  
"If our buddies wore a mask?"  
When they sailed across the sea,  
To make it safe for Democracy?  
They kanned the Klan, kanned the Klan,  
Away over in the Kaiser land.

The Lone Star, we will not disgrace,  
Texans never hide their face  
But to the polls, we all will go  
And there remember, the Alamo,  
As we kan the Klan, kan the Klan  
In our dear old Texas land.

(Editor's note: The above is kindly furnished to the Forum by R. H. Bennett of Hope, New Mexico.)

## Klan "Life Member" Testifies it Cost Order \$80,000 to \$100,000 "To Put Earle Mayfield Across"

(Staff Correspondence New York World.)

Washington, May 29.—One of the most important links in the chain of evidence showing how the Ku Klux Klan elected Earle B. Mayfield to the senate was furnished today when F. N. Littlejohn of Charlotte, N. C., a "life member" of the klan, asserted on the witness stand that "between \$80,000 and \$100,000 was spent to put Mayfield across."

Littlejohn has aided in preparation of the case against Senator Mayfield with information he gained as head of what amounted to a klan secret service. He says he has investigated every act of violence of which the invisible empire was accused, including the Mer Rouge, La., murders.

He originated the theory the two bodies recovered from a lake were "planted" to deceive investigators and were not the bodies of the victims.

Although subjected to a hostile fire from Mayfield's attorneys and from several members of the senate committee on privileges and elections, Littlejohn stuck to his story, and W. F. Zumburn, klan attorney, turned his attention to trying to discredit the testimony on the theory that Littlejohn is seeking to overthrow the present klan administration.

Spent \$100,000 at Dallas. Of equal importance was the testimony of H. M. Keeling of Dallas, who gave the committee a down to the ground picture of the method in which the klan works when it is determined to put over a political ticket.

He admitted that the headquarters of the klan's steering committee at Dallas has expended between \$8,000 and \$10,000 for the ticket of which Mayfield was the head.

This headquarters had been under the control of R. P. Lowry, a member of a firm to whom it previously had been leased that over \$6,000 had been paid out of the "educational" funds of the local klan. Keeling swore that part of the money received by him was turned over by George K. Butcher, a klan official.

But in an apparent effort to cover up the source of the money the checks had been signed "George King," and once Keeling had seen Butcher sign a check with the name of King before handing it to him.

Mayfield's local campaign manager, Ben C. Richards, was a member of the steering committee, and Z. E. Marvin, who was described as the "head of the Texas klan," was a frequent visitor at the headquarters. Here at some of the services that were performed by the committee for Mayfield and the other candidates on the tickets as described by Keeling: Made a card index of every voter in the county, segregating white from black, and indicating on the poll tax list the names of these voters who were klanmen.

Prepared a list of all the candidates for office in the state of Texas,

which was used in instructing the precinct voters for whom they were to work.

Organized a financial campaign, in which nearly 1,000 men were sent out to collect \$1 each from 100,000 klanmen.

Forced Sterling Strong, a rival of Mayfield, to get out of the race by telling him "he would have to get out," that "Mayfield was the logical candidate."

Organized klan precinct captains in every district to make a personal appeal to every voter.

"I understood right from the start," Keeling testified, "that everything was secret. We were to keep our movement as quiet as possible and not let the people know we were conducting a campaign."

Propaganda at Initiation. He described a public initiation of klanmen, attended by 50,000 people, where men with hooded faces handed out sample ballots containing only the names of those who were "right."

"We perfected a machine in every precinct," the witness went on. "We called together all the men we knew who were our way and instructed them to beat the bushes."

Littlejohn told of a conversation he had had with Dr. H. W. Evans, imperial wizard of the klan, at the imperial palace in Atlanta, at which, he said, Evans reported that between \$80,000 and \$100,000 had been expended through the klan's national organization in order to accomplish the election of the Mayfield ticket in Texas.

Littlejohn supplied the names of several others who were present at this conversation. Luther Nichols, counsel for George E. B. Peddy, who is contesting Mayfield's seat, expects to call these others to the stand to corroborate Littlejohn's story.

Sensors Hostile to Witness. The hostility of the senate committee to the witness was marked. Senators King, democrat, Utah, and Neely, democrat, West Virginia, strove to aid W. F. Zumburn, klan attorney who represents Mayfield, in picturing Littlejohn's story as biased. Neely and Senator Watson, republican, Indiana, engaged in frequent whispered conversations, which were followed by Neely's trying new lines of inquiry.

Littlejohn conceded he had become dissatisfied with the way in which klan affairs were run and had joined with former Imperial Wizard E. Y. Clarke to gather "data" to unseat the existing klan powers. When Littlejohn said he had just made a trip to Indiana to investigate klan activities there, Watson propounded several questions through Neely indicative of Watson's close familiarity with klan affairs in his state.

Neely seemed to be trying to link Littlejohn with various Indiana klanmen who evidently were in disfavor with the order. But Littlejohn said he did not know them.

## What Texas Editors Say

The Chico Review wants to know who made Will Hogg guardian of the university. That's easy. The ex-students who raised the \$100,000 fund to impeach Jim Ferguson.—San Saba Star.

It is amusing to The Bee to see the citizens of the invisible empire squirm when they are nabbed. When their "citizenship" is exposed to public gaze they cannot refrain from wincing. They try to make themselves believe that the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Invisible Empire, is a great "protestant" patriotic organization, yet when they are called on to acknowledge "citizenship" they shrink from publicity. They make an effort to be "proud" of their affiliation with the hooded brigade, but their demeanor and attitude when the spotlight is centered on them, are unmistakably those of shame and timidity. Even those who are assumed to have attained heights in the professions cannot face the music. They try to console themselves with the thought that their invisible empire is a "fraternal" organization, but, as George E. B. Peddy says, they "fool no one save themselves."—Beville Bee.

The old-fashioned Haskell woman who couldn't go to sleep until all her children were in bed would have to learn to go without sleep this day and time.—Haskell Free Press.

Zeke Marvin of Dallas is the grand dragon of the klan in Texas, he is a druggist and records show his house has issued more "prescriptions for whiskey" than any wholesale bootlegger in Texas. In politics Marvin is a republican, bossing the democratic machinery of Texas.—San Saba Star.

Experts on pig raising now claim that pigs need play. That may be one of the reasons why so many "road hogs" are romping over our highways.—Minneapolis Monitor.

In the first primary two years ago, Billie Mayfield led T. W. Davidson for lieutenant governor by 26,000 votes, and had it not been for Governor Ferguson and his friends Davidson would never have been elected lieutenant governor. Governor Ferguson on the stump and through his paper urged his friends to vote for Davidson and that accounts for his election. Not long after he was in office he turned his back on Governor Ferguson to whom he owed a debt of gratitude, but it is well known that this world is ungrateful after all.

What has Davidson ever done for you? True he is against the Ku Klux and believes he can ride into office on that question alone; but it is still a far way off for Top Water. Governor Ferguson on the other hand has been with us all along the line, he made the best governor Texas ever had, and has been fighting more than any other man against great odds and still there are some who would go back on him at the critical moment and support an unknown quantity, but not so with us. We are for Governor Ferguson first, last and all the time, and for no other. We would rather go down in defeat with him than support dry political hypocrite.—La Coste Ledger.

T. N. Jones objects, in a lengthy article in the Dallas News, to a hand-picked delegation to the national convention. Mr. Jones contends that the Farm-Labor union should be represented in the delegation. We can sympathize with Colonel Jones and yet we have to look back three weeks ago and remember that not a single member of the Farm-Labor union attended the precinct conventions here. If Colonel Jones and his forces expect to cut any ice in political affairs in Texas they must certainly urge their members to be present at conventions.—Athens Review.

Regents Decide Upon Californian to Head University of Texas

Austin, Tex., May 31.—Election of Dr. Herbert Eugene Bolton of the University of California to be president of the University of Texas and the resignation of J. Lutch Stark as chairman of the state drive for the memorial stadium were the two outstanding announcements of Saturday during the reunion of ex-students of the University of Texas.

Dr. Bolton has not accepted unconditionally but has requested a conference with the regents during the next three weeks regarding salary and other compensation, and he is expected to meet with the regents at their session here on June 12. William L. McGill, chairman of the students' executive committee, was unanimously elected to succeed Mr. Stark as leader of the stadium drive, and thus harmony was brought about with the Houston ex-students' faction, led by Will Hogg who has demanded the retirement of Stark from the drive.

Dr. Bolton was elected president of the university at the executive session of the regents held here last Wednesday and his election kept secret until a reply had been received from him and submitted to the reunion of ex-students at non Saturday.

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# GOING GOOD

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people feel like they ought to have the right to pass upon any man's candidacy who wants to run for office and there is a silent storm rising in the minds and hearts of the people that will destroy any attempt to deprive them of the freest exercise of their rights in the selection of their public officers. The politicians have already figured that if the court keeps my name off the ticket that my wife will have no chance to win, but after addressing the large crowds all last week, I know to my own satisfaction that these politicians do not know what they are talking about and they are riding to the biggest disappointment of their lives.

As one old farmer friend of mine said at Mesquite, "it would be a pretty come-off to say that the husband of a family could not ask the people for office and the wife likewise be told that she couldn't have it because she is a woman." But the silent storm that will break out if I am denied the right to run is that the people will vote for my wife in protest against depriving them of the right to vote for me.

Again I want to impress upon my friends everywhere that my wife will only have to get a plurality in the first primary and will have only one of the candidates to run against in the run-off primary. When all the facts are remembered it will then become more and more apparent that it will be impossible to keep my wife out of the run-off and no one of the candidates is strong enough to beat her in the run-off. If the court decides in my favor, as I am sure they will, then it's "good-bye, gals, I'm gone to glory," and no matter which way the cat hops the Ferguson name and the Ferguson platform will be put at the head of the administration of the governor's office in Texas.

I am going to east Texas next week and will tell you about it.

JAS. E. FERGUSON.

### McAdoo's Candidacy Stamped With Brand of the Ku Klux Klan

Houston, Tex., June 4.—Commenting on the recent state convention of kleagles and titans at Waco at which instructions were given in favor of W. G. McAdoo, Col. R. M. Johnston, former editor of the Houston Post, and long a prominent leader in the ranks of Texas democracy, has this to say:

"If anything were needed to place the brand of the Ku Klux Klan, indelibly, upon the candidacy for the presidency of W. G. McAdoo, the state convention held at Waco last Tuesday amply and unerringly supplied the missing link.

"The same secret agencies, the same sort of maneuvering and manipulation which placed Texas in his column operated similarly in a number of other states, and when the New York convention convenes William Gibbs McAdoo will be known and recognized as the candidate of the 'invisible empire.'

"Try as they may, and doubtless will, he and his wily managers can not get away from it. The brand is there to stay, and the great issue before the country is whether or not the people will stand for a now notorious trafficker for votes, and whose real strength comes from a secret, oath-bound political organization.

"That is the whole proposition in a very few words.

"Of course, Mr. McAdoo knows this, but he is nothing if not a dead-game politician, and we may expect to see him play out to the end of the deliberately chosen policy of 'straddle,' which has characterized his campaign from the beginning. This, no doubt, will involve a statement from him within the next few days in which he will, in perfect lady-like language, repudiate the klan; but this will deceive no one and the klan will wink the other eye.

"But what of that Waco convention? What do the good people of Texas, who believe in open covenants, openly arrived at, think of it? How do they regard the manner in which it was conducted? What is their appraisal of its personnel, including the list of delegates sent to the national convention?

"Can such things be in this greatest of all the states without arousing the ire and indignation of vox populi?"

### People Want Name of Ferguson on Ballot Says Dallas Writer

Dallas, Tex., June 4.—The following communication has been published in the Dallas News here:

To the Dallas News: I want to say to the voters of Texas that we want James E. Ferguson for governor. I want to know who has the right to say that his name shall not go on the ticket. I say if the majority says that they want him for governor that they mean for his name to be on the ticket regardless of what the minority says or does.

As far as I can see or hear all over Texas, every farmer and laboring man is for the man who will try to reduce taxation, and there is no other man but James E. Ferguson who has promised any relief. I say it is our privilege and duty we owe to one another to elect the man that will try to lighten the burden that is bearing us down so heavy.

E. F. WASH.

### A KLANADOO CONVENTION

It was strictly a McAdoo-klan gathering. A klan minority in Texas sent a klan majority to Waco by simply being a little more alert and active than the opposition.

It was called a democratic convention, but the kleagles and the titans and the dragons and the cyclopes ran it, with a man named Love giving orders. Peculiar that a man named Love should run a show built on hate, but that is only one more paradox.

Entitled to 40 votes in the national pow-wow, Texas sent 60 men and women to cast them, not because the extra 20 represent any more power, but to increase the noise. There will be 10,000 or 15,000 in the galleries, however, to bowl them down, for the pow-wow will be in New York, where sentiment is not so favorable to McAdoo and the klan.

The job was done to that good old refrain of "She ain't what she used to be," which was more appropriate than some of those present suspected. "She ain't what she used to be," meaning the democratic party in Texas, and she won't be so long as the riders of a mad hobby continue on her back. She has become a smug minding thing, which Jefferson would disown and Jackson would turn out to pasture, yet these are the names by which her new groomers are trying to coax her into a trot.

What a farce, what a hodge-podge of platitude and conceit, what a grouping of incongruous ideas; but the hash is nothing compared to what it will be when New York gets through. It is a case of one type of provincialism meeting another, of hopelessly irreconcilable views coming together, of acid and alkali commingling. We shall draw a perfect blank because it is innocuous.

Texas democracy has been set on too narrow a pedestal for stability. With its commitments to intolerance, its klan-bred policies, its pandering and compromises, it is not the strong, vital, well-grounded force it once was. It has been shriveled and dried away by one of those infections which come once in a generation, but which political parties must resist. It has succumbed to the charms of a peddled cult.

Texas democracy is not sending forth another "immortal forty," but a cheap imitation. It is not fighting for the ideals of statesmanship, as it did in 1912, but a lot of political cant. If it welds itself into the national party, it will have to first eat its pretensions and join hands with those very elements which it claims to scorn.

We should like to be present, but "invisible," when Tom Love, Cato Sells, Murray Jones and Red Boyers confer with Al Smith, Tom Taggart and Dave Walsh. We should like to know if and how much they change their tune, how they explain some of the things they have been preaching. Or will such conferences be avoided for the sake of convenience, and will klan affiliations be quietly ignored? If they are, it will be Texans who will do the avoiding and ignoring. A pretty position for this state, a fine display of that manhood and open-handedness in which the majority believe.

But right there is the crux of the situation, which was engineered and brought about, not in accordance with what the majority of Texans believe but by the cunning of an organized minority, by a secret society which the bulk of Texas people have not measured as yet in its true proportions.—Houston Chronicle.

### Acting Governor Davidson Names Two Judges to Render Decision in Ferguson's Appeal; Delay Certain

Austin, Tex., June 3.—Acting Governor T. W. Davidson today appointed Judge Alexander Coke of Dallas and Judge Howard Templeton of San Antonio to sit on the supreme court as special judges to answer certified questions in the injunction suit to prevent the name of James E. Ferguson of Temple from going on the primary ballot as candidate for governor.

Chief Justice Cureton and Associate Justice Greenwood disqualified themselves yesterday on the ground that had previously been connected in an official capacity with the impeachment proceedings against Governor Ferguson.

It appears very unlikely that the court can pass on the question before the primary. The questions could not be argued before Wednesday, June 11, following that ten days would elapse before an opinion could be rendered. That would bring it up to June 21. There would then be fifteen days allowed for motion for a new trial, which would throw the case well into July.

state will pay me for the three days service under the per diem bill.

"The state does not owe me the regular monthly salary covered by this warrant because I have not been called upon to act as district attorney except as stated, and my time and energies have been given to other matters. Therefore the warrant is returned for cancellation, as the money does not belong to me."

This attitude by Moody is said to be unprecedented.

### Dan Moody Astounds State By Returning Salary as Unearned

Austin, Tex., June 4.—Because he devoted most of his time during the month of May in the interest of his candidacy for attorney general of Texas, Dan Moody, present district attorney of Travis and Williamson counties, Saturday returned to the comptroller's department a warrant drawn in his favor for \$41.66, which represented his constitutional salary for May.

"I return this warrant to be canceled," Moody advised the comptroller. "I am a candidate for attorney general, and my time during May, with the exception of three days, has been devoted to my campaign. The

Washington, June 2.—Texas today asked the supreme court to direct the assessor in the Red River boundary case to pay to it the gross production tax due upon oil produced during the receivership, in what the court has declared to be Texas territory.

### Ferguson's Campaign Fund is Increased By New Contributions

Friends continue to show their faith in Ferguson and his platform by sending in contributions to aid his campaign. A few of the splendid letters received in the last week are here given.

**Thinks It His Duty to Help.**  
James E. Ferguson.

Dear Sir: You will find enclosed money order for \$5 as a contribution to your campaign expenses while you are fighting my battle as well as your own. I deem it my duty to help in this cause and I have been your supporter from your first race all down the line. I am still for you. Should your name fail to appear on the ticket and your wife's name appears I will vote for her.

You have lots of friends in this county.  
Yours truly,  
H. J. GRACE,  
Anson, Texas.

**Callahan Joins the Chorus.**  
Governor Ferguson.

Kind Friend: I hope you will be our next governor. I saw in the Forum the article by L. W. Burdick of Coleman, that if each of the subscribers to the Forum would send in \$1 it would help you in your struggle for the right, so you will find herewith check from me for \$1. I am sure that you will get a good vote in old Callahan county. If nothing happens I am going to vote for you and so will my wife and father. There are some K. K. K.'s here who will give you a black eye.

I want to congratulate Thomas B. Smiley of Karnes City on that article he wrote and I think it is the best I ever read. I believe he is a Christian and I would love to shake hands with him and tell him so. If I am what I claim to be I am old primitive Baptist and you know they don't believe in secret orders of any kind.

We hope we will have a Ferguson for governor if we have to have the "Mrs." do it. We do not know who the klan candidates are every time and I want to ask that the Forum have sometime between now and the primary a list showing the klan and anti-klan candidates, because I do not intend to vote for a klanman if I know it. Let us farmers line up for Farmer Jim and see that he goes in and we will know that we will have one more governor who will fight for the people's rights. Surely we should look well to those whom we vote for as legislators, as the governor will have to have help to carry out his platform.

Come on, boys, with that dollar and let's see how many we will have by the next issue of the Forum.  
Yours for Jim for governor,  
A. G. FOSTER,  
Cross Plains, Texas, Route 2.

**Ferguson Stronger Than Ever.**  
James E. Ferguson.

Dear Governor: Enclosed please find \$10 to cover donations to your campaign given by J. C. Mauldin, H. A. Fuchs and myself. You are stronger in this box than ever before and you are getting new friends every day.  
Yours truly,  
H. E. FUCHS,  
Temple, Texas.

**Helps Both Ways.**  
Hon. James E. Ferguson.

Dear Governor: You will find enclosed postoffice order for \$2. One dollar is for your campaign fund and the other to continue the Forum to me. I hope you will get to be governor.  
Yours truly,  
L. J. W. ROGERS,  
Marshall, Texas, Route 2.

**Hopes to See Ferguson Governor**  
Hon. James E. Ferguson.

Dear Sir: Enclosed find money to pay for one subscription to the Forum until September 1 and the balance you can use as you see fit. Here's hoping you will be our next governor. Mr. Olive is a box solid for you except two or three.  
Respectfully,  
J. W. WEST,  
Caradan, Texas.

**Sends Dollar With Good Wishes.**  
Ferguson Forum: I enclose postoffice order for \$1 for your campaign fund, sent by Tom Hollinger. With best wishes for you success.  
Yours truly,  
ED HAMON,  
Coleman, Texas.

**Would Like to Give.**  
Hon. James E. Ferguson.

Dear Governor: I am sending you a subscription from Joe Isherwood, 3500 Wabash avenue, Austin, and \$1 from myself to help some in your campaign. I wish it was so I could send \$100 instead of \$1. You have got a splendid platform and I do hope those people who are scared of you will let your name be put on the ticket. If not I will vote for your good wife and if she does not run I will write your name on my ticket as I am not going to vote for anyone else. Send me some more Forums to distribute as I see to every one being given to some one who will read it.  
From your staunch friend,  
M. C. LEONARD,  
309 Willow Street, Austin, Texas.

### Ferguson's Campaign Fund is Increased By New Contributions

Dear Governor: I am sending you \$1 for the Forum and \$2 for campaign expenses, hoping you get to be our next governor.  
Yours truly,  
FR. STANISLAW,  
Milano, Texas.

**Anxious to Get Facts.**  
James E. Ferguson.

Dear Governor: You will find enclosed \$2. Forward the Forum to G. F. Webb, Hermleigh, Texas, route 1, and W. B. Thrash, Hermleigh. The other \$1 is sent by J. W. Patterson, Hermleigh, for campaign purposes.

Please rush the Forum as these men are anxious to get the facts. Governor, the boys around here are staying with you whether your name is on the ticket or not. Such schemes as your enemies are trying are only making you more votes. If you possibly can will you arrange your speaking dates so that you can come to Hermleigh for a speech. The people surely will appreciate your coming. We can assure you a good crowd will and will receive a hearty welcome.

Wishing you success in this contest I am for you first, last and all the time, and I hope to be able to send you some more soon.  
Yours truly,  
T. C. CHITSEY,  
Hermleigh, Texas.

**Anxiously Waiting.**  
Ferguson Forum: Enclosed find my check for \$2.50. Two dollars is a contribution to the campaign fund and fifty cents is to pay for the Forum for S. L. Trimmer, route 1, Hico.

O. E. Meadors is president of the Hico Ferguson club and the writer is secretary. We are now somewhat up in the air and we are anxiously waiting for the court's final decision. Trusting that friend Jim will come out all right, I am with best wishes.  
Yours truly,  
JOHN M. AITON,  
Hico, Texas.

**Hopes Ferguson is Elected.**  
Ferguson Forum: Please send me the Forum until September. I am sending \$1. Use the other half for your campaign fund.

Go after them. I hope you will be elected.  
Yours truly,  
J. M. GAYNS,  
Nacogdoches, Texas, Route 1.

**Helps With \$3 Contribution.**  
Ferguson Forum: Enclosed find check for \$3, of which \$2 is for one year's renewal of subscription to the Forum, the truth teller, and the remaining \$1 is for the campaign fund for Governor Ferguson. He only asks for \$1 but I know he can use \$3 to do more good, as there may be some who do not dig up at all.

Respectfully,  
GUS A. WORNAT,  
Oakland, Texas.

**Hillsboro Friends Chip In.**  
James E. Ferguson.

Dear Sir: Please find enclosed my check for \$2 of which \$1 is for myself and \$1 for E. L. Sawyer. Please accept this as a small donation to your campaign fund. We are with you always and if there is anything we can do command us and we will obey.  
Yours in hope of success,  
W. M. AKINS,  
E. L. SAWYER,  
Hillsboro, Texas.

### Small Boy Whose Dog Was Killed by Boozy Driver Gets Revenge

Brownsville, Tex., June 4.—The door bell rang at Col. Sam Robertson's home yesterday afternoon, and on going to the front door, Colonel Robertson, who is sheriff of Cameron county, was surprised to find a little fellow about seven years old, asking for the sheriff of the county. Colonel Robertson asked the little fellow what he wanted and received the somewhat precocious answer that he wanted to make a complaint against a truck driver who had run over the little chap's dog.

The juvenile complainant stated that the truck driver was intoxicated and had carelessly run over his pet. "I wanted that man arrested and put in jail. Any man who is mean enough to run over a dog is mean enough to run over a little boy like me," the little fellow said.

His wishes were satisfied this morning when he appeared at the sheriff's office, for the driver is at present lodged in the county jail, charged with driving a car under the influence of liquor.

**MOTORCYCLE RIDERS KILLED WHEN HIT BY A TRAIN**  
Sherman, Tex., June 2.—George Drake was instantly killed and Reagan Bass was injured seriously when a motorcycle which they were riding collided with an east bound Texas & Pacific passenger train here this afternoon.

**Ennis Man Drowns in Lake.**  
Ennis, Tex., June 2.—Elmer C. Newell, 55, Houston & Texas Central railroad engineer, was drowned in the new city lake this afternoon when a storm caused a boat in which he and C. F. Moser, his stepson-in-law, were fishing to capsize. Moser with the aid of another man removed Newell's body from the lake, but efforts to revive him failed.

### Ferguson Cheered By Dallas Audience as He Discusses Issues

Dallas, Tex., May 31.—Closing his address in the city hall auditorium Saturday night with the words "by the eternal I'm going to win this race," James E. Ferguson, candidate for the democratic nomination for governor, was applauded by an audience of more than 500 men and women. They were also liberal with applause all during his talk.

His speech was of about two hours duration and dealt mainly with his platform utterances. He voiced opposition to the klan and declared for a sweeping reduction of state appropriations.

Mr. Ferguson was introduced by E. B. Estes, his Dallas county campaign manager. A large bouquet was passed up from the audience to him by Mrs. C. A. Augier of Dallas. In accepting them Mr. Ferguson said "I'd rather receive this token of a good woman's regard than to wear the crown of the imperial 'gizard' in Atlanta, Ga."

The Dallas speech was the third made during Saturday by the candidate. At 2 p. m. he addressed an audience of 1,500 at Crandall, and at 5 p. m. about 800 at Mesquite.

In the Dallas audience were Larry Mills, campaign manager for Judge Felix D. Robertson; Joe L. Hill, campaign manager for Senator V. A. Collins, and Pat O'Keefe, who was with the Underwood organization prior to the primary conventions.

After explaining how he would curtail the activities of the klan by having laws passed requiring all secret organizations to file a roster of their members with county clerks and making it a felony for masked groups to operate, Mr. Ferguson said: "Now, Mr. Dallas News man, put this in the paper so that the other candidates for governor will see it: I double dog dare any of my opponents to come out and say if he is or is not in favor of the laws I propose.

"You people have got a right to know how each candidate stands on all subjects before election. We ain't going to have any pussyfooting in this race. Every candidate's got to come across."

Regarding the klan, Mr. Ferguson said: "I don't hate anybody. I don't hate the Ku Klux Klan, but, Mr. Klanman, I hate your belief and I hate the scheme you are trying to put over. If you don't stop it it's going to cause trouble. But I don't blame you so much for belonging to the klan.

"A lot of you fellows were just bad eggs and when you were invited to join you saw a chance to get into good company for the first time in your life.

"Yes, some of you are good fellows and I don't blame you very much for wearing masks, for if you look around to see who you are running with it is only natural that you want to hide your faces.

"But you can't put your scheme over. You are trying to tear down

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THOS. M. STELL, of Cuero.

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 4,  
JOHN W. BARRETT.

the state lines and set up a kingdom. Don't you know that you can't set up the rule of a king in this republic? "I am no believer in the religion of the Jew or a Catholic, but I'd die for the Catholic or Jew might have the religion that suits him best. Now what are you going to do about it? Let's not have any more discussion of the question. Let's talk about a remedy for it.

"The klan is either doing the right thing or it is doing the wrong thing, and if it is wrong it ought to be kicked out of the country."

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From One Who Believes in Democracy. Editor Forum: When I contemplate the uproar, turmoil and strife in this once happy domain where peace and liberty, freedom and right dwelt under a government of the people...

Your enemies that I have met admit that you will be in the run-off. Hoping you will be our next governor, I remain, Yours supporter, SAM GILES. Belton, Texas.

ficers should be the cleanest men in the state. I am no Klansman and never will be. I am a mountaineer from Kentucky and I have been called pretty rough at times but I never yet have had to wrap my head in my wife's sheet to talk to a man and never will. I have a fine boy nine years old, his name is James E. Ferguson and he is a tooter.

time. My subscription is not out now but I wanted to help you with my little mite. I don't want to miss a copy of the Forum although I have failed to get several copies. Hope I get all from now on. I am your friend, H. L. REEDER. Florence, Texas, Route 4, Box 55A.

The Fight Is On In Earnest!

The campaign of Governor Ferguson is going good. The FORUM is his means of reaching the people and we urge his friends to subscribe for the FORUM in order to spread more widely his platform and policies. We need help to reach a greater number of voters and have made a low rate for the campaign of FIFTY CENTS until September 1.

Ferguson Forum Temple, Texas

Texas Ranchman Who Ran Down 5 Crooks Who Fleeced Him Out of His Fortune Tells of His Exploits

The story of a cow man turned detective and of his relentless tracking of five confidence men who swindled him of \$140,000 starts in the June issue of McClure's Magazine. The story, in his own book of his adventures on the four-year-man hunt, outstrips the deeds of the great detectives of fiction.

and spoiled more than one swindle directed against other men. The persistent Norfolk, before starting his search, had every tooth in his head pulled. 'There is no disguise so effective as a flexible mouth,' he explains.

under government supervision fell into the same main categories. 'Drug stores all over the province were turned into bars, where a bottle of whisky or a drink might be purchased. 'Jitney' bars sprang up and sidewalk bootleggers began to do a huge business. It was found to be impossible to stop the flow of illicit liquor from wet British Columbia.

declines to speak when legion bills candidate for talk. Former Commander of Corsicana Post Resents Preference Shown for Political Aspirant. Corsicana, Tex., June 4.—Beauford H. Jester, former commander of the local post of the American Legion, declined to appear on the platform with Judge Felix D. Robertson as a speaker in connection with the Legion Memorial day exercises here Friday in a letter addressed to Post Commander Fred M. Seale May 30.

Alberta, Canada, Is Again Wet, Sequel to Nine Years of Drouth

The Canadian province of Alberta has become wet once more, the government supervising the sale of liquor. The editor of the Calgary Herald was asked by the Baltimore Sun to explain the shift of sentiment which resulted in the wet vote. His answer follows: 'Growing realization of the impossibility of enforcement of prohibitory laws as they existed in Alberta lay behind the sweeping rejection of prohibition and adoption of government control by the people of the province.'

State Employee Quits Comptroller's Office Censuring Lon Smith

Austin, Tex., June 4.—A promise to 'lift the lid and give the people of Texas a glimpse of some of the things that take place beneath the capitol dome,' was made by R. B. Moorman, in asserting conditions in the comptroller's department caused him to refuse to remain an employee of that office.

Loyal Friends in Kaufman County.

Dear Governor: I write to let you know that you have lots of friends in Kaufman county. I hear lots of men who never did support you say they will support you this time. I was in Terrell the other day and there were nine men in one bunch and seven out of the nine said they would vote for James E. Ferguson. I have always been for Jim Ferguson because he covers the ground he stands on and practices what he preaches.

From a Loyal Friend.

Dear Governor: I wish to say that if the rascals beat you out I will vote for your wife or any of your family who will run, as I know you are a white man to the limit. I have always voted for you in every election since you first were elected and have no desire to change now.

Just so it's Ferguson.

Dear Sir: Enclosed you will find check for which send the Forum to O. E. Meador, John M. Alton, L. J. Jordan and A. J. Jordan. We are still with you, or Mrs. Ferguson, whichever gets the name on the ticket. We are raring to go, just so the name is Ferguson.

Fully Endorses Platform.

Dear Governor: I have been reading your paper for the last two years and I fully endorse your platform. I have voted for you every time you were on the ticket and always will and if they keep your name off the ticket this time I will vote for your wife, because either one of you will do, just so it is a Ferguson who signs the dotted lines. If you have some extra copies of your platform please send me some.

Ready to Support Mrs. Ferguson.

Dear Friend: I notice the courts are discussing the question of keeping your name off the ticket for governor of Texas. In case you don't get your own name on the ballot get your good wife's name on. I feel like it will make you stronger for Mrs. Ferguson to run. I think all the Ferguson people will support Mrs. Ferguson just as they would you, because the people know you would be their governor anyway.

Old Confederate Still Loyal.

Ferguson Forum: Enclosed you will find money order for \$1 for which send me the Forum six months. It is the best paper of its kind that is published.

She Hurras for Ferguson.

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With Ferguson all the Way.

Dear Governor: I will try to write you a few lines to let you know you have an old friend here. I have been with you all the time since you first ran for office. You are the only governor we ever had who has done anything for the poor man.

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Gaining Ground Every Day.

Dear Jim: After receiving the Forum and reading it over, some of it a second time, will try to write you a few lines. We see by the action of the tax grafters that they are scared, but friends, let us keep plenty of timber hauled up so Jim can keep the fire burning good and hot for I believe we can, if we stay on watch, put it over in good shape and land Hon. J. E. Ferguson back in the governor's chair.

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