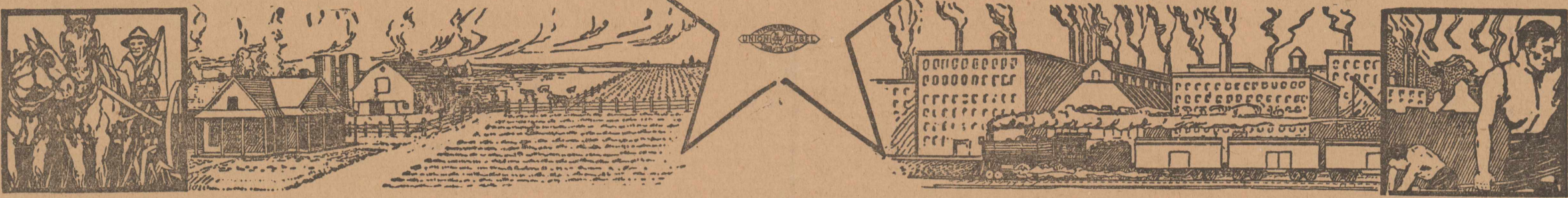


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## Quality Cotton Movement Given Impetus in Texas; California Is Seeking to Achieve Special Fame

Buyers pay premiums for quality cotton but the local cotton buyers in most communities, especially in the small towns, do not give the farmer the benefit of those premiums when they set a price on the staple he brings to town. Now there is a movement under way in Texas whereby the grower will garner some of the premiums. Cherokee county already has inaugurated a quality cotton campaign and Smith county has fallen into line by setting on foot a movement to make Tyler a staple cotton market by establishing facilities to insure every grower of staple cotton a just premium in his local market.

California, mindful of the rich returns brought to its fruit growers by establishing a reputation for the quality of the products of their orchards and groves, now that it has been found that cotton can be grown with profit in that state, is setting about acquiring a like reputation for "Quality Cotton from California."

The quality cotton movement in Texas is receiving much attention at this time and the Dallas Morning News has given it thoughtful attention in an editorial article which is reproduced here as follows:

"As was told in a dispatch to The News from Jacksonville the other day, a movement has been put on foot in Cherokee county, under the leadership of the Jacksonville Rotary club, to bring about an improvement in the quality of cotton grown there. Specifically, what is intended is to induce the farmers of that county to grow what is known as staple cotton rather than the half and half variety. Staple cotton, as most people know, is cotton whose length of staple is not less than fifteen-sixteenths of an inch.

"The movement began in Cherokee County has been directed toward the two things which indispensibly need to be done. One is to assure an adequate supply of the right kind of seed, and the other is to offer some guaranty to those who grow staple cotton that they will get the premiums that kind of cotton commands over half and half cotton in the markets where spinners buy their supplies.

"Probably the chief reason for the partiality so many growers have come to have for half and half cotton is that in so many of the primary markets, which are the markets they sell in, staple cotton does not bring the premium which afterwards commands in the larger and concentrating markets. When that is the case, the farmer is under an obvious inducement to grow the half and half variety, since, while it brings the same price paid for staple cotton of the same grade, it is of heavier yield. Under those conditions it is more profitable to grow half and half cotton, whereas, in most instances at least, save perhaps in some parts of western Texas, growing staple cotton would be the more profitable if it brought the premium it is economically entitled to.

"It may be remarked, parenthetically, that The News is formulating a plan for next year's cotton-growing contest designed to obtain for growers the premium which staple cotton is entitled to and thereby encourage the growing of that kind of cotton wherever soil and climate make it practicable.

"There is something relevant to this matter in an editorial which recently appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle on the subject of cotton growing in California. The editorial was occasioned by the ginning of the first bale at Maxwell, in Colusa county, which is above midway of the Sacramento Valley. 'Sacramento,' the Chronicle says, in the course of a rather glibly rambling piece to the event, 'now joins the San Joaquin in the production of this new wealth, and further outlines the range this development will eventually take.' Long staple cotton had previously been grown there, but unsuccessfully, it appears; for the Chronicle remarks that the planters 'have profited by the mistakes of their earlier experiments,' and have found that 'an improved short staple' is better suited to soil and climate, and have therefore concentrated on the growing of this. Thereupon, the Chronicle indulges in this somewhat invidious observation, albeit not without some occasion, it must be admitted:

Every effort is being made to have the cotton growers stick to this type. In the south cotton has deteriorated through the mixing of varieties. It is important that the valley farmers preserve the quality of their crop unadmixed and unspoiled. For it is this 'character' of the cotton and the unusually heavy yield per acre that give the California grower competitive advantages over the cotton belt in the southern states.

"Quality production is more of a desideratum with the cultivators of the soil in California than it is with the farmers of most other states, made so by their experience in fruit growing. The market for fruit is more highly appreciative of quality than are the markets for the coarser products of the soil. Fruit growing, one may easily imagine, has fastened upon the farmers of that state a habit of concern for the quality, or, as the Chronicle calls it, the 'character' of their products, and that habit influences them in giving form and fashion to their new industry of cotton growing. If California cotton gets a better reputation, and therefore a more eager demand in the markets of the world, than cotton from the southern states enjoys, it will not be because of advantage in soil and climate; that advantage is with the southern states. It will be because the cotton growers of California are at pains to preserve the breed of their cotton and improve

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## Talking About the Fergusons

Men who find it in their hearts to make false charges against the character of their governor and her husband are not even fit to belong to the Ku Klux Klan and if anything worse can be said about an anonymous libeler it has not yet been conceived. In the article below Mefo in his column in the Houston Chronicle makes some quotations from letters received by him concerning current controversies and discussions. It will be noted that he mentions one whose author after indulging in the grossest kind of abuse of the governor's husband asks that his name be not printed. Certainly any resident of historic Nacogdoches, whence that letter was sent, a city made sacred in the memory of patriotic Texans because it was the home of so many of the early heroes who wrote their names in Texas history in letters of gold by doing manly, courageous deeds, ought to be ashamed to have his name appended to scurrilous abuse inspired by hate, prejudice, and defeat.

Here is the way Mefo deals with a number of comments, favorable and unfavorable upon the Fergusons:

"Such an accumulation of letters giving advice, suggestions, for paragraphs, bouquets and brickbats, that it is impossible to print or even mention all of them. Several write in praise of the Fergusons and others condemn the administration. It is noticeable that the censure comes mainly from the cities and the praise from the country. The wide divergence of opinion in Texas as to Governor Ferguson and husband Jim is remarkable to record. There is no half-way ground. Those who write either laud to the skies or damn to eternal destruction.

"Take the thriving little city of Nacogdoches for example. Max W. Hart writes: 'The Fergusons have given the people of Texas the safest, sanest, most comical administration that the state has had for more than three decades. \* \* \* Nacogdoches County is unmasked and will rally to Governor Ferguson three to one against the field.' In the same mail from the same town comes a letter from an old and highly respected citizen declaring that the highway scandal smells to heaven and that Jim Ferguson is a stench in the nostrils of all good citizens. The striking difference in the two letters is that the author of the last one quoted asked that his name be not published.

"Then one S. H. Harrison (name of town not given in letter) writes: 'Why don't you yell Ku Klux at Dan Moody? He seems to be stepping on Ferguson's toes considerably. It was certainly a godsend to the people of Texas when Dan was elected attorney general. I am sure he will be able to keep Ferguson and his henchmen from stealing the capitol.'

"The Chronicle supported Dan Moody for his present office. We fought for him when a lot of those who are now rushing to praise were throwing mud in his direction and using the knife of hate wherever possible. Whenever the attorney general tells us that Mrs. Ferguson and Jim Ferguson have committed any fraudulent act, or betrayed the trust placed in them by the people of Texas, we will let you know. He has not yet done so, and we do not subscribe to the theory that his present investigation of highway matters is wholly political. It is true that Dan has been rather prone to giving out interviews that seem more petulant than relevant, but remember he is still youthful. He is also honest and courageous.

"The attorney general's suit for cancellation of all contracts held by the American Road Company of Dallas makes some startling charges of fraud and of excessive profits. That suit not only charges the officials of the company with acts that indicate an outrageous imposition upon the people; if proved they are a condemnation of the highway commissioners and will make it incumbent upon Governor Ferguson to demand their resignation. If they are not true, then Frank Lanham and his associates have been done a terrible injustice. There is no half-way ground.

"For the sake of the people of Texas and our regard for Frank Lanham, son of an illustrious father, we hope the attorney general's indictment does not prove that he knowingly permitted this alleged fraud upon the taxpayers. The other two commissioners are also men of high standing. Let us hope for the best and not for the worst. It is bad enough just as it is recorded.

"Following this came a letter from a prominent banker of Southwest Texas, who says: 'The achievements of the Ferguson administration thus far have been very commendable and satisfactory. The only effect of ill-considered, reckless criticism is to prejudice the unthinking. There will be ample time to condemn any one connected with the administration who is found guilty of wrongdoing. We are all liable to err, and it is possible that the highway commission has made some mistakes. If so they will be disclosed; also I feel confident the Ferguson administration will correct them. It is entitled to the first opportunity to do so. That should be the attitude of all fair minded citizens.'

"To hound a woman in office is so easy. Men have a natural or unnatural prejudice against female officeholders. Then to abuse Jim Ferguson is very popular in some sections, especially in Houston. It takes no

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## Apostles of Hate Care Not For Truth When They Wish to Voice Their Ire Toward the Fergusons

The apostles of hate care not whether there is truth in what they say about men and women or not. They simply know that they hate and that they must express that hate even if they resort to falsehood, distortion or misrepresentation in so expressing it. Ignorance is pitiable but willful lying that asperses the character of man or woman is an indication of a soul sunk to depths lower than the most ignorant human ever sank.

With the Klan-Butte crowd the disposition to say mean things about the Fergusons has become so overpowering that they hesitate not to resort to plain lying to show their hate and the contemptible smallness of their mental calibre. An illustration of this kind of klanishness is seen in a recent incident that occurred at Houston, following the close of the trial of Jacques Blevins and others in connection with the Southern Motors promotion and the conviction of Blevins who was given a prison term and a heavy fine.

The Houston Chronicle relates this incident with Mefo's comment thereon in these words:

"In the lobby of an office building yesterday: 'Well, old Joe Hutcheson only gave that Blevins bum three years.' Second deep-thinker and loud-talker: 'Yes, and Ma Ferguson will doubtless give him a pardon in six months.' First moron: 'Bet Jim gets a thousand for getting him out.'

"That was an actual conversation. There are really thousands of persons who talk and vote, and who help decide great public questions, who do not know the difference between a state and a federal court. They really think the governor of this state appointed Judge Hutcheson on the federal bench and that the Leavenworth penitentiary is under Mrs. Ferguson's jurisdiction.

"But why should we expect intelligence on the part of the general public? This headline appeared in a Houston newspaper last week: 'Ma Ferguson's Pardon List Reaches One Thousand.' The average hasty reader is given the impression that the governor has granted 1,000 full pardons. Since her inauguration she has actually pardoned only 156. She has granted 410 conditional pardons, which are really not pardons, as the sentence still hangs over them to the extent of furloughs, paroles and restoration of citizenship—acts of mercy which all should approve rather than censure."

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## Moody Challenged by Contracting Firm He Accuses to Publish Audit He Had Made of Concern's Books

Houston, Tex., Nov. 11.—The following was printed in the Houston Chronicle of Sunday, Nov. 8:

L. A. Sherman, of the firm of Sherman-Youmans Construction company, named by Attorney General Dan Moody Friday as one of the road contracting firms against whom he expected to file suit, Saturday demanded that the attorney general make public a detailed audit of the books of his company which the attorney general has made.

Sherman says the attorney general had an auditor in the company's office for 10 days and has all the data as to costs and just what profit the company has made on maintenance and surfacing work in Harris and Galveston counties. Sherman says "he is very anxious to have the citizenship judge for themselves whether an excess profit was made." He also declares if the attorney general does not make public the facts he has gotten from the audit he himself will make it public. The full statement by Sherman is:

"The writer of this communication noticed an article in your yesterday's publication, referring to a suit to be filed by Dan Moody, attorney general of the State of Texas, against our company, by which he expects to ask for a cancellation of our contracts with the State of Texas, covering placing of shell on the state highways, placing asphalt topping on state highways, and the maintenance of state highways in both Harris and Galveston counties.

"The attorney general of the State of Texas, Mr. Dan Moody, has had an auditing firm checking over the records of the Sherman-Youmans Construction company for the past 10 days, and we understand that a detailed report covering cost on state jobs was mailed to Mr. Moody last Saturday evening. In justice to the people of the State of Texas, L. A. Sherman of the Sherman-Youmans Construction company is now asking the attorney general to place in the hands of the press of this state the information that his audit covers. He feels that the citizenship of Texas is entitled to this information, not in part, but in full. He is very anxious to have the citizenship judge for themselves whether an excess profit was made.

"If he, Moody, refuses to furnish the citizenship with this information, it will not show the spirit of fairness and justice which he claims to personify, and I want to assure the general public that should Mr. Moody refuse to give the correct information to the public, I will do so myself. I am giving this ambitious attorney general an opportunity to tell actual facts, and I hope for his sake he will do so."

## Old Time Democrat, J. H. Killingsworth, Still Loyal to "Ma"

J. H. Killingsworth, of Prairie Dell, Bell county, who with his good wife, sons and daughters, sons-in-law and daughters-in-law and grandchildren furnished twenty-six of the votes which last November elected "Ma" Ferguson, governor of Texas, came in for a visit with the Forum Tuesday, bringing a club list of nine subscribers and promising more.

"I am still sticking by 'Ma' and the democratic party," said this veteran of the war between the states, who is one of the most respected citizens of

Bell county. "I am against the klan as strongly as ever and their tactics in trying to create sentiment against Governor Ferguson are too well understood to fool anybody. I hope 'Ma' will get in the race again and if she does she will finish the klan and those renegade voters who deserted the standard of democracy to affiliate with republicans and try to elect Butte as governor."

### Custer Trooper a Suicide.

Billings, Mont., Nov. 7.—John Burkman, 86, a trooper of the Seventh United States cavalry, who killed General George A. Custer's horse Victor on the day of the battle of the Little Big Horn June 25, 1876, fatally shot himself yesterday. Ill health and the loss of sight and hearing were held responsible.



# Ferguson Forum Good Roads Campaign

## Good Roads Draw Home Builders!

The preparatory work—slow and worrying as it has been—of building our highway systems has been done.

The pioneers, the dreamers, the wanderers, and workers have passed on. Theirs has been the romantic task, theirs the romantic reward. They have left to us their prodigious legacies—which we must pass on to those who come after us. Will we pass them on finer, or will we forget the heroism and the hardship that have been woven into the fabric of those legacies?

For one thing, we are not able to master our environment as the pioneers were. We work with a complex economic machinery, we work with highly developed mechanical tools, we work always under the high pressure of competition, even in matters that affect the public as a whole.

We are not starting out to blaze a trail for our family, for our friends, for personal fortune in a new and untried land. Everything that is done for the development of the road systems of this country now is under the direction of state and federal government, as it should be. There are too many millions of us now for the pioneering urge to get started.

silent. Perhaps they shrink from the

laughter sure to greet their words if they

The time has gone when man can hew down a few logs, when a man can devise new means of escaping the tragedies of travel—when much of the personal element of road building has gone from this country. There is still plenty of hard work to be done, plenty of quiet deeds of heroism, but for the most part the big flaring deeds have passed into history.

The millions of shifting men and women in this vast country of ours demand good roads and better roads. They have been trained by the cheapness of automobiles,—now within the reach of practically every person who earns even a small wage,—to ask for, to travel over, to build along and stay with roads which enable them to reach the centers of entertainment and education. The days of competition between men has passed. Travel competition is now between state and state, county and county, community and community.

A wise man said on this very theme:

“What do the approaching years contain? It is idle to speculate, rash to predict: Only those who are indeed great can see the future with certainty, and if there are any such amongst us, they are did speak. Very likely we too would say

of such a one: ‘Poor fellow; what a pity he is crazy.’ Human nature has in some particulars remained about the same. We prefer to prophesy a thing the day after we see it performed.

“As we sit at meat in moving hotels which travel fifty miles an hour and look out upon the panorama that drops so swiftly away, or as we hear a strange sound above and gaze up into the sky we behold visions of the coming days that are not put into speech. We are afraid to whisper them. They may be dreams or they may not be. But of one thing we are sure and can say it without fear: the preliminary work has been done. It has been a long hard march. Almost every possible mistake has already been made, and it only remains to correct their present effects wherever we can and avoid repetition of them hereafter.

“The interesting record behind us, even with its tragedy and blunders, is an inspiration to the genius of men. A new era is beginning whose chief characteristics in every field of endeavor are to be a finer wisdom, a smaller selfishness, and a more sincere thought for the comfort, safety, happiness and welfare of all people.”

## Mail Delivery Covers More Than Million Miles of Highway

The postal service of public highways in the United States has passed the million-mile mark, according to a statement issued by the American Association of State Highway Officials.

In delivering mail to approximately 30,000,000 individuals residing on rural routes, 1,205,572 miles of highway are used every day. “Notwithstanding the extent to which rural delivery has grown” says the highway official statement, “there are more than 14,000,000 patrons to be added as soon as the service can be extended, and this,” say the officials, “in the face of the fact that Uncle Sam is co-operating with the states in the construction of only about 200,000 miles of road, or more than 1,000,000 miles less than he is actually using.”

This point has been brought out, according to the highway statement to show the well nigh universal relationship which highways hold to the public at large, and particularly to commercial centers

of the country, where a vast amount of business is conducted by mail.

If the far-flung lines of highway communication, according to the highway official statement, were not kept open, commerce in New York and other states where large cities are located would soon find the tap roots of their trade affected, with the result that their boasted revenue totals would show a corresponding drop, thus proving again that even cities are concerned in the year-round service of highways, however far distant they may be located.

“Furthermore,” the statement adds, “one of the three elements used by the federal government in the distribution of funds to states for roads is the mileage of post roads used in each state for the rural mail delivery. Some people have been laboring under the impression that federal funds go to states according to their total road mileage, when it is the

federal use of roads only that is taken into consideration.”

Further inquiry on the part of state highway officials has brought out the fact that “in the past five years, through the improvement of roads, the postoffice department has been able to add 1,550 new rural routes and in doing so mail service has been extended 226,300 families. This improvement of the roads has also enabled the postal department to lengthen the mileage of 2,449 routes already in existence.”

The highway statement concludes by calling attention to the fact that “the ordinary length of a rural route is 24 miles, and where roads are not improved, this is an all-day job, but by road improvement Uncle Sam has been able to lengthen the routes and thereby give additional service to a number of families without additional cost, and still enable the carrier to deliver the mail in one-half the time required on rural routes 10 years ago.”

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### Price of \$1,182,000 Offered On Behalf of Government for Legion Hospital Located at Kerrville

Washington, Nov. 11.—The government will purchase the American Legion hospital at Kerrville, at a price of \$1,182,000, as Monday approved by the Federal Hospitalization board...

### Hog Calling Among Arts University May Add to Curriculum

(From the Milwaukee Journal.) Hog calling has been elevated to the fine arts in Wisconsin. University of Wisconsin professors...

The movement to place an American Legion memorial hospital in Texas was initiated by the Memorial War Risk society of that state...

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### THE OLDRAIL FENCE

The old rail fence has passed along with the scrap book, but the poem by Frank L. Stanton appeals to the older farm folks: The old rail fence with aimless angles Curved around the scented fields of old; And wild brown vines in quaintest tangles Bloomed there in purple and in gold...

### Short Skirts Only Modern Fashion To Shock Woman Ruler

London, Nov. 4.—Of all the ultra modernism about the English girls of 1925 only the short skirts are a shock to the orthodox sensibilities of the Begum of Bhopal, the only woman ruler of the 700 potentes of India, who is in London taking in western civilization through her Mohammedan veil.

### Widow of Sheriff of Miller County Given Office Husband Held

Texarkana, Tex., Nov. 10.—Mrs. Lillie Barber, who became the successor of her deceased husband, E. E. (Lillie) Barber, sheriff of Miller county, is the second woman ever commissioned to that office in Arkansas.

### Wets Win Election In New Zealand on Nov. 4 by Big Vote

Wellington, N. Z., Nov. 11.—New Zealand has decided to remain wet. The question whether New Zealand should continue its present liquor license system, adopt "state purchase" or government control of liquor, or swing to prohibition, was voted on elections November 4.

### Stolen Loot Found In Thieves' Cache by Austin Officers

Austin, Nov. 7.—Local officers believe they smashed a thief ring responsible for a large number of petty robberies when Friday night they arrested a man in the country about 25 miles north of Austin.

### Father's Pitiful Story of His Devotion to His Afflicted Child 'Human Husk' Stirs Deep Emotion

Littleton, Colo., Nov. 9.—Hazel Blazer, a child, told the story of her father's devotion to her in a touching story of the career and devotion he lavished on the malformed child. Hazel Blazer told the story of her father's devotion to her in a touching story of the career and devotion he lavished on the malformed child.

### Home Owners Show Big Gain in Number Says 'Pro' Speaker

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 10.—Prohibition is making a capitalist of the worker, creating a general ownership of the means of production and solving a strife that once seemed perpetual, in the opinion of Congressman John G. Cooper of Ohio, who addressed the national convention of the Anti-Saloon League here tonight.

### Cargoes of Christmas Booze Ride at Anchor on Rum Row off Shore

New York, Nov. 8.—Fourteen vessels are hovering along rum row, the New York World will say tomorrow, with cargoes of liquor for the holiday trade. Shippers of incoming vessels have told of renewed activities off Long Island and New Jersey coast.

### French Show Honor to Dead Americans in Large Monument

Thiancourt, France, Nov. 8.—Thousands of Americans of the fourth army corps, who gave their lives in the great offensive that liberated this little village from four years of the German yoke, were honored equally with the French soldiers who died in its defense when the monument in memory of the defenders and liberators was unveiled today.

### IS GRANTED \$7,500 AWARD AGAINST OLGA PETROVA.

New York City, Nov. 9.—A verdict of \$7,500 was returned today in favor of William H. Roberts by the jury which heard his suit for damages against Madame Olga Petrova, Russian actress, based on charges she played around from his play, "The Red Wig" in her production of "The White Peacock."

### Leakage of Bootleg Alcohol Big Menace Gov. Pinchot Holds

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 8.—Leakage of bootleg alcohol in Philadelphia through granting of permits to law-breakers by the commission of internal revenue, has created Pennsylvania's most menacing problem, Governor Gifford Pinchot said tonight at the Anti-Saloon League convention. Many cases of permits granted to bootleggers over protest of Pennsylvania officials were cited by the governor, who places blame upon Prohibition Commissioner H. H. Egan and Commissioner Blair of the internal revenue bureau.

### Income Tax Cuts Not Likely to Reach Out to Lower Auto Taxes

Washington, Nov. 8.—Repeal of the automobile taxes involving an estimated loss of \$150,000,000 revenue next year, which will be among the problems confronting the house ways and means committee when it takes up consideration of excise rates tomorrow, appears to have been made impossible by the slashes it has already approved in the income and other sections of the new revenue bill.

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### Capt. Frank Hamer Ex-Ranger Will Run For Travis Sheriff

Austin, Tex., Nov. 7.—Frank Hamer, former Texas ranger captain, announced today he would run for sheriff of Travis county next July. He was for 20 years in the ranger service, retiring last July. Hamer suffered a number of severe wounds in discharge of his duty while in the ranger corps.

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# Ferguson Forum "Builders of Texas" Campaign

## The Spinach Crop of Texas

One of the newer products of Texas agriculture which is fast bringing Texas to the front in eastern markets is the lowly Spinach which was not even reported in the agricultural statistics of fifteen years ago. Today its annual value is more than three millions of dollars, and the large part of that means actual income to the state, since the returns from it come in the form of eastern money or credit rather than in satisfaction of our own home needs. It is such products that will mean more to the economic development of our State than any others. If we can satisfy our own needs, and at the same time have a large surplus with which to help supply the needs of our less fortunate neighbors our need for ready cash will soon be answered by the returns from such valuable assets. We are learning more of our possibilities every year, and this development of Spinach as a commercial and agricultural product shows clearly that there may be other things which will prove equally valuable if we only have the initiative to see what they are and bend our energies toward their development.

There are three distinct districts which have been proved successful in the cultivation of Spinach in Texas: (1) the Laredo district which is made up of Webb, Dimmitt, Zavalla, Frio, LaSalle and Medina counties, (2) the Austin dis-

trict composed of Travis, Hays, and Caldwell counties, and (3) the Gulf district, comprising Cameron, Hidalgo, Wharton, and Matagorda counties. About 60 per cent. of the entire production comes from the Laredo group, 32 per cent. from the Austin district, and 8 per cent. from the Gulf section. The successful cultivation of the plant requires much water at certain times and a less supply at others. For this reason it lends itself with greater success to a system of irrigation, but it has also been grown to a profit under the system of "dry land farming."

Since it comes on the market at a time when there are only a few fresh agricultural products to be sold either in Texas or in other states, it has the treble advantage of (1) meeting an unusual demand for green food, (2) filling in a slack season for labor when many people are anxious for work, and (3) being a source of income to the farmer when his need for ready cash is greatest. The season begins about the middle of December and lasts until early Spring when other truck becomes more plentiful. It must be very carefully handled because it is extremely perishable, and for that reason is usually shipped by express in refrigerator cars to New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, and other eastern markets, which markets take care of about 90 per cent.

of our Spinach crop. That means that for the year 1923 the spinach of Texas brought into her coffers more than \$3,000,000 in addition to satisfying our own home needs. Shall we despise its contribution to the public weal?

How does Texas rank among other states in the production of this very valuable article? In the last five years she has almost doubled her acreage, it having been 5,620 in 1920, and 9,980 in 1924; and trebled her income from that source, it having been \$1,366,000 in 1920 and \$3,619,393 in 1924. In 1923 the entire production of the United States was 8,659,000 bushels from 22,350 acres, while Texas had 9,440 acres in Spinach, or about 40 per cent. of the acreage of the United States on which she produced 2,549,000 bushels, or about 33 per cent. of the entire crop of the whole country. This established her in the first rank among the states with Virginia in second place, and California third. By using proper agricultural methods we can increase our production without increasing our acreage, and thus make a greater profit, and since there is a demand for spinach as a canned product, we might even go farther and increase the canning facilities which have made a good beginning in the Austin district, and KEEP TEXAS IN THE LIMELIGHT.

