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## JIM FERGUSON, AT TEMPLE, GIVES ISSUES IN SECOND CAMPAIGN

**B**EFORE the largest crowd ever assembled in Temple for a political speaking Jim Ferguson Saturday evening in his home town discussed the three chief issues in the campaign and denounced Moodyism, Ku Kluxism and the oil combine as enemies to the people of Texas. The full text of his speech is as follows:

My Friends, Fellow Citizens and Neighbors:

I am glad of the opportunity to come back to my native county, and in the home of the Fergusons discuss the issues of one of the most important campaigns in the history of Texas. This campaign has its funny side as well as its serious side. It reminds me of the great pugilistic contest between the Champion Dempsey and the South American kid, Firpo. You will remember that in that fight which was fast and furious that the youthful Firpo charged the champion Dempsey and knocked him down and over the ropes and out of the ring, and for a short time it looked as if the youthful contender had won the fight. But the champion Dempsey pausing for a moment only before the onslaught of his youthful antagonist rushed back to the ring in time to save the count, and in the second round of the contest the champion defender waded into his youthful antagonist and in equally as short time whipped and beat young Firpo to a stand still, a triumph of brain and courage over youth and ignorance.

So in this contest youthful Dan Moody, strong in the back and weak in the head, has charged the people's champion, your governor, and for a moment only has appeared victorious in the contest, and six days ago he and his friends were sure that he had won the contest for the governorship. The champion paused for a moment only to catch her breath and she is again back in the ring giving battle to this youthful contender, and with the rising tide of an outraged public opinion the champion of the plain people is again winning a contest which will typify once more a victory of brains and courage over youth and ignorance.

My friends, in the first installment of this campaign there were many issues injected into the contest, some material and some immaterial. Personal animosities played no little part, and in the temper and excitement of the discussion the real issues in the campaign were either obscured or lost sight of. The merits of those issues can be left to such future discussion as the people may decide to give them. But in the closing of this campaign we today find the people concerned with only three issues upon which the people are going to the polls and decide this election. These issues may be stated to be

### THE ISSUES

- First. Fergusonism against Ku Kluxism.
- Second. Moodyism against legal election.
- Third. Moodyism against gasoline tax for schools and roads.

The people have reached the point where they must decide upon which side of these questions they are going to vote. These questions are important for the reason that upon their decision rests the question of liberty, of honesty and popular government.

### THE GASOLINE TAX

In dealing with these issues let me reverse the order and begin with the last first. The governor says as announced in her platform of some weeks ago that she is in favor of a tax of three cents a gallon on sales of gasoline and that she is in favor of reducing the tax on automobiles at least one half and the remaining one half be given to the counties for the upkeep of their lateral and county roads. With the proceeds of the three cent gasoline tax she says that she is in favor of using one third of that tax for the upkeep and maintenance of our public schools to the extent of giving a \$15.00 apportionment to every child in the public schools of Texas. And the remaining two cents collected the governor says she wants to give to the Highway Department for the building of new state highways and the proper maintenance thereof. In direct an-

### Ma's Message to the People

**F**OLLOWING is the full text of the message delivered by Governor Miriam A. Ferguson to her home people and neighbors explaining her reasons for again accepting the gage of battle with Moody and Ku Kluxism in their behalf:

I come home tonight to say my last word in this political campaign. As everybody knows I entered public life because of my conception of a public duty. I am continuing in public life for the same reason. I am no longer impelled by personal ambition, and whether I suffer defeat or gain victory in this campaign matters but little to me. I am fighting for a principle, for the rights of the people and for the education of the children. Let me again say boldly that I did not resign and I will not withdraw from this contest and turn this state unopposed over to the Ku Klux. I will not consent that anybody shall hold office in Texas that has violated their election laws. I will not leave the field to the oil companies of the state who are fighting to keep a full school term from our children in the public schools. If the people want a Klan supported governor then let them go to the polls and say so. If they do not want such a governor I am willing to bear the cruel shafts of criticism to give them a chance to say so. If they want a candidate who breaks your election laws let them say so. If they do not, again I throw myself into the breach and give them an opportunity to say so. If they want to turn this state over to the oil companies who want to defeat the gasoline tax let them go to the polls and say so. If they do want the gasoline tax for the building of roads and the education of the children let them remember that I have not deserted my post of duty and my name is still on the ticket and they can go to the polls and say so. I remain in this race in order that the line may be clearly drawn and if the opposition shall win I shall bow to the will of the people. On the other hand if I shall win in this contest I shall expect from the opposition the same respect to the people's will. On with the battle.

tagonism and opposition to this discussion of the governor, Mr. Moody on last Saturday in his Dallas speech said the gasoline tax plank proposed by the governor was claptrap and that he was violently opposed to the same. In support of his argument he says that the citizen pays this tax and that it is not paid by the oil companies but is paid by the consumer of gas. This is the most extraordinary admission of ignorance and misstatement of facts that was ever uttered by a public officer in Texas. If his statement is ignorantly made then his friends ought to put him in the feeble minded institution for safe keeping. If it is intentionally made then he is the most insincere candidate out of captivity. As a matter of fact the people do not pay one nickle of this tax and there is no man or woman that owns an automobile in Texas that has ever been called on to pay a gasoline tax. This tax is paid directly by the oil companies through the proper officers into the state treasury. The oil companies as is well known fix the price of gasoline. The public has nothing to do either with the fixing of the price or the payment of the tax. The oil companies make the people pay all they can stand whether we have a gasoline tax or not. Therefore whatever tax can be collected from the oil companies by law is just that much saved to the tax payers, and if the government does not levy the tax on these oil companies who have made billions out of the price which they fix on gasoline then the government will be compelled to levy an additional ad valorem tax on the real estate and personal property of the people to provide for the maintenance of their schools and the construction and upkeep of roads. If the tax on gasoline is not levied and collected the people

will receive no corresponding reduction therefor and the price will remain the same.

The Interstate Commerce Commission recently inquired into the average price of gasoline in the different states of the Union and it was found that the price of gasoline was cheaper in California where they have a three cent gasoline tax than it is in Texas where we have only a one cent gasoline tax. This tax is not an unfair discrimination against the oil companies and it is simply a way to make those who do not pay a reasonable amount to the support of the government pay a just due and to make taxes equal and uniform. The oil companies, according to their sworn report, have made a billion dollars from the profits on gas sold to the people of Texas in the last seven years. One reason is that they do not pay sufficient tax compared with other people. Out of every tax dollar now collected from the people sixty-eight cents comes from a tax on farms, livestock, city and town real estate, and other visible personal property of the great mass of our people. Every big oil company has made a dividend of one hundred per cent in the last seven years. There is not a farm in Texas that made a dividend of five per cent. In addition to this the oil companies of the state use the roads in proportion to their volume of business three times as much as other people. An oil truck will do more damage to a road in one day than five hundred Ford automobiles will do. The oil companies use the roads every day in the year. The farmers and laboring masses use them only from one to two days in the week.

If it be conceded as Mr. Moody contends that the people pay this tax then the law ought to be passed just the same, for the concern or the owner of an automobile or truck who uses the road six or seven days in the week ought to pay more for that privilege than the small business man, laboring man or farmer who uses it only for a part of one or two days in a week.

Again there are 250,000 tourists that come into Texas every year, none of whom pay one dollar for the upkeep of our roads, schools or government. If we levy a tax of three cents a gallon on these tourists it would represent a revenue to the people of Texas of four dollars per tourist, or a million dollars a year. The tourist would be glad to pay it. California and Colorado are the greatest tourist spots in the Union and they both have a gasoline tax as a matter of sound business discretion.

### OIL COMPANIES AGAINST MA.

Helping Mr. Moody to defeat the gasoline tax is every big oil company in Texas and every big oil lobbyist, and they are now boasting that they control the senate of Texas that will prevent the final passage of this law. To bring this relief to the people they must go to the polls on the 28th and in thundering tones re-elect the governor as an edict to every member of the legislature that this legislation must be passed.

Nearly every county in Texas is taxed to the limit and bonded to the limit. The gasoline tax is the most constructive and fair way to keep up our roads and schools. The permanent school fund would only allow an apportionment of \$11.50 for each child in the public schools. One third of the three cent gasoline tax will yield \$4,000,000 and that will increase the apportionment for the one million three hundred thousand school children in Texas to \$15.00 per capita. While Mr. Moody does say that he is in favor of a \$15.00 per capita he has not told anybody how he is going to raise the money and he says emphatically that he is opposed to the gasoline tax. As he has proposed no other way to raise the tax then he provides no remedy for road construction and maintenance or the needs of the public schools.

Again I repeat that the issue in this campaign is Dan Moody and the oil companies on one side, Ma Ferguson and school children on the other. It is up to the mothers and fathers to say under which flag will they enlist.

It is immaterial so far as Ma Ferguson is concerned whether she wins or loses. She and I have lived in the

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### BUCK THE POLITICAL BOSS

This is one campaign where the people should assert their independence and vote their sentiments regardless of the attempted dictation by any political boss.

If you live in San Antonio you should vote as free people and if you want to continue free you should begin now to defy every big political official who tries to deliver you and your vote to a Ku Klux supported candidate for Governor. In all probability he is getting money to deliver you on election day. San Antonio would have had half a million people ten years ago if it had not been for the big grafter who has used official power for personal gain. If you live in Houston you should take no orders from any big official or political boss. You should not sell your birthright by letting these oil millionaires tell you how to vote. You know who they are, by the brand of K K K on their back.

If you live in the Klan ridden town of Beaumont just vote as you please anyhow. If you can keep your vote from being stolen it will count just as much in Jefferson county, where Ma's majority may be small, as in Lavaca county, where it will be seven to one.

If you live in the Ku Klux town of Dallas and still claim your independence you deserve a crown in heaven. If ten thousand people of Dallas will walk up to the polls and vote for Ma Ferguson everybody will agree that they are the bravest people that ever trod the face of earth. Take courage, friends, and make a showing.

If you live in Fort Worth and have got the nerve to denounce the Klan you are a patriot. The financial credit of Fort Worth has been ruined by the Klan. It is up to the anti-Ku Klux to save the liberties of the people and the credit of your city.

If you live in the Baptist town of Waco, the home of Baylor University, where they teach men come from tadpoles and monkeys, then you know what religious fanaticism means in its worst form. Waco boasts of more Ku Klux membership according to population than any town in Texas. That is true and it is also true that it is the poorest business town in Texas according to population of any town south of the Mason and Dixon line. Ku Kluxism and monkey evolutionism is too much for any town to survive. The people must buck the boss and the fanatic. Swat them both.

### CALLS MOODY 'KLENE KUT KU KLUX KLANSMAN'

An ardent and evidently highly enthused klansman has sent the following communication to Jim Ferguson. This is only another evidence of the Klan's part in the campaign to elect Moody governor. The writer of the letter here given announces that: "At last we have as governor a klansman and what I mean is a Klene Kut Ku-Klux-Klansman." Here is his letter:

"Mr. Jim Ferguson, Austin, Texas:

"Dear Jim: Permit me to advise you that you have howled your last time in Texas.

"At last we have as Governor a Klansman and what I mean is a Klene Kut Ku-Klux-Klansman.

"It will not be very long when we will have you and the Catholics just where you belong. And that place is in HELL.

"The best thing you can do is to go to Oklahoma and join that other SKUNK Jack Walton. As both of you failed to kill the Ku-Klux-Klan.

"The Ku-Klux-Klan will reign supreme for the next four years, in Texas; and this grand old state is not big enough for you, so you just as well pack your grip and leave.

"Or better still just put a rock around your neck and jump in a river and tell the world that here goes nothing.

"I was your friend when I came to the United States but it is just your kind that has caused the Ku-Klux-Klan to organize."

## The Campaign Liar

The campaign is coming to a close and we may expect the usual campaign liar in the closing days when it will be too late to deny or explain. Let the people be on guard and swat every new campaign lie that may be told.

Be on the look out.

It always happens in every campaign.

## WARNING TO SUPERVISORS

Supervisors are warned that the Moody supporters, directed by Ku Klux bosses and using Ku Klux methods, will stop at nothing to increase the vote cast for him. Evidence already in hand from the first primary shows that ballot box stuffing was resorted to and supervisors are urged to be on guard against such nefarious practice in the second primary.

When the presiding judge announces that he is ready to open the polls the supervisors are advised to insist that the boxes in which ballots are to be deposited be thrown open for thorough inspection to insure that no preliminary stuffing of ballots has been done, before the voting begins.

The democrats of Texas want an honest ballot and a fair count and with the aid of supervisors this can be assured.

### WHY THE DAILY PAPERS ARE FOR MOODY

A great many people wonder why the daily papers are fighting Ma Ferguson in this campaign and we are receiving many inquiries on this point. Of course most informed people understand the reason why. The whole opposition by the big daily newspapers to Governor Ferguson is because of the Ku Klux question and the gasoline tax in which the big oil companies are so vitally interested.

For instance the Fort Worth Star Telegram is against the Governor because in the first place it is owned by Amon G. Carter, a prominent Ku Klux and a big oil man. Carter is the bosom friend of Walter C. Teagle, president of the Standard Oil of New Jersey. It is a matter of court record about Moody dismissing the trusteeship ordered by the district court of Hunt county against the Standard Oil company and the Magnolia Oil company turning back to them millions of dollars of property without the people knowing anything about the judgment, and it was kept a secret until Lynch Davidson exposed it in the campaign. Many of Lynch Davidson's friends are wondering how he can consistently support Moody after telling the people that Moody had been unfaithful to the interest of the people in dismissing the trusteeship in the district court of Hunt county.

Be that as it may Walter C. Teagle, president of the Standard Oil of New Jersey, met Dan Moody in conference on July 16th and 17th at Amarillo. What took place between them nobody knows, but it is well known that Amon G. Carter is now planning in case Moody is elected to form a new oil corporation that will take over the Magnolia Oil company and several other small companies owned by the Standard Oil in Texas. With these facts in mind it is quite apparent why Amon G. Carter should put the Fort Worth Star Telegram against Governor Ferguson.

The Houston Post-Dispatch is owned by Ross Sterling, the most prominent Ku Klux in Houston, and that publication is known as a Ku Klux paper by every informed person in south Texas. On the morning of July 24th, the day of election, the Post-Dispatch published a picture of the capitol, inserting a picture of Moody and also inserting the Ku Klux emblems and under it they printed from the ritual of the Ku Klux all that poetry about "God give us men, etc." which every Ku Klux has heard that has been initiated into the order. The purpose of this was of course to send out the full Ku Klux notice after it was too late to be explained.

The Houston Chronicle recently turned against the Governor because Jesse Jones controlled the financial end of it and it has been said that Marcellus Foster severed his connection with the Chronicle because he would not submit to the dictation of Jones to support a Ku Klux candidate. Jones is closely identified with the financial end of big oil operations and openly boasted of his standing with 26 Broadway, New York.

The poor old Dallas News just can't stand hitched on any fundamental principle of government. Four years ago it fought Mayfield for the senate when he did not have half as many Klan politicians supporting him as Moody has in this campaign. It supported the Governor two years ago and denounced the Ku Klux and the Butte bolters in unmistakable terms. But now with the same issue involved in the campaign and the same crowd fighting the Governor on the same issue the old News has lost its nerve and gone over to the enemy. When its editorials seek to criticize Jim Ferguson it must not be forgotten that this is the same Dallas News who said that the greatest day for Texas was when Jim Hogg was kicked out of office and an honest man put in his place. There are many people who yet remember the fact that the Dallas News fought Jim Hogg's railroad commission law and received a valuable consideration therefor.

A careful check of the newspaper space paid for by somebody concerning Dan Moody's campaign and the oil companies campaign during the last thirty days reveals over one hundred and twenty-five page advertisements. At their usual rate of charge it would cost between forty and fifty thousand dollars to pay for these advertisements alone. This will be a good question for the legislature to investigate.

The Klan is in politics and it is idle and useless for its dragons, titans, terrors, cyclops and kleagles to attempt to fool the people any longer as to its political activities. Dave Pendleton at Tyler has proclaimed that the Klan has nominated a governor and Dave ought to know because he has been a cyclops and is now an active klansman and admits it with pride.

Marrs now breaks into public print with a declaration in favor of a tax on tobacco as a means for raising additional funds for the public schools. Probably Marrs has been reading the platform and messages of Governor Miriam A. Ferguson and finds therein material for the interest of the people. Let it be remembered that Governor Ferguson long ago proposed a tax on tobacco.

#### DEAR VOTER:

Do you think it is right to vote against a good mother just to justify the vanity and ambition of an untried and inexperienced youth? Mother, we appeal to you. Ma Ferguson is making the fight for you and the children.

## SOME HIGH LIGHTS ON FARMER JIM'S SPEECH

If the tax on gasoline is not levied and collected the people receive no corresponding reduction in the price which will remain the same. Therefore whatever tax can be collected from the oil companies by law is just that much saved to the taxpayer. If we don't tax gasoline then we have got to tax land, live stock and other property of the people to keep up the roads and schools.

There are 250,000 tourists that come to Texas every year, none of whom pay one dollar for the upkeep of our schools and government. Texas can easily get one million dollars a year from this source. Moody is opposed to it. Governor Ferguson is for it.

Nearly every county in Texas is taxed and bonded to the limit. The permanent school fund can only give \$11.50 per capita to each child in the public schools. Therefore the tax on gasoline is the only source of revenue available. Moody is against the tax. Ma Ferguson is for it.

This is a campaign of Dan Moody and the oil companies on the one side and Ma Ferguson and the school children on the other.

The criminal statutes provide that one candidate can't give to another. Moody has admitted that he let two candidates give him \$250.00 each. The law provides a heavy penalty and that the candidate taking money from another candidate ought not to have his name on the ticket. If Moody were nominated court procedure can be used to keep his name off the general election ticket. Why throw away your ballot?

There was an average of 140,000 more ballots cast in the race for Governor than there was in the other state officers. Who stuffed the ballot boxes?

Two hundred thousand people calling themselves democrats who bolted the ticket two years ago and voted for Dr. Butte the republican nominee were permitted to vote in this election. The voter who goes to the polls and cast a ballot bearing a pledge to support the nominee and while in the act of depositing that ballot boldly declares he will not support the nominee unless their candidate is nominated and will not support the ticket if the candidate they oppose is nominated then said voter is a criminal and a political liar and a fraud on the people and should not be allowed to live in a free country let alone vote in an election.

People are beginning to learn the truth and if the oil companies further undertake to defeat the gasoline tax and thwart the will of the people by stuffing the ballot box and conniving with the Ku Klux Klan and furnishing them with the sinews of war then trouble has just started in Texas.

The Ku Klux selected a candidate and his name is Moody and they have determined to divide our friends and support the candidate who would give them comfort and consolation in return for their support to defeat Fergusonism in Texas. The crime of Fergusonism in the minds of the Ku Klux is not what Fergusonism has ever done against the interest of the people but what Fergusonism has done to destroy Ku Kluxism.

If Ku Kluxism is dead in Texas then why are all the Ku Klux shouting that they nominated a Governor?

Hiram Evans, Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux, is supporting Moody for Governor. If it is a crime for me to advise my wife as Governor bound to her by the sacred ties of marriage then how much more crime would it be for Dan Moody to be advised by Hiram Evans, bound to him by no other ties than that of political expediency? We can imagine no more flagrant example of irresponsible government.

Our Jew and Catholic friends must understand that the defeat of Fergusonism means the triumph of Ku Kluxism and that in the triumph of Fergusonism means the defeat of Ku Kluxism and you the voter must decide this question of Ku Kluxism. It is for you to say which flag you will fly and what kind of government you desire. They have insulted your intelligence by asking you to condemn Fergusonism without giving you any specific charge of duty disregarded or rights of the people unprotected.

It takes contests like these to try men's souls and test their courage and to bind willing hands and true hearts with hoops of steel.

## WON'T YOU?

I earnestly appeal to our 285,000 friends who voted for me in the primary to go to the polls and vote again. Thousands are changing every day from Mr. Moody. Let our friends raise the slogan VOTE! VOTE!

MIRIAM A. FERGUSON.

### Klan is Mobilizing Its Forces Again in Goose Creek Section

Houston, Tex., August 17.—The Ku Klux Klan is mobilizing its forces at Goose Creek again, according to word brought to Houston Tuesday.

Last Friday night the flaming crosses were seen at Goose Creek, Pelly and Bay Town, witnesses said. Anti-Klan citizens tore them down and tossed them into the streets. Heated words were passed in some instances.

J. A. Schumacher, city marshal at Pelly, tore one burning emblem down and tossed it into the street. Jim Honey, employe of the Humble oil refinery, said he saw six or seven fiery crosses. He said E. W. Lawson of Pelly tore one cross down and threw it away.

### Special Judge Named For Election Contest in Denton District

Austin, Tex., Aug. 22.—Judge W. W. Cook of Wichita Falls was appointed Saturday by Governor Miriam A. Ferguson as special District Judge of Denton county to try the election contest case brought by District Judge W. S. Moore of Gainesville against Alvin C. Owsley.

Judge Moore was defeated for reelection and he notified Governor Ferguson of his disqualification to try the case in which he contested the election.

### Women Supporters of Gov. Ferguson Meet at Grand Prairie

Dallas, Texas, Aug. 23.—The women supporters of Governor Miriam A. Ferguson held a rally in behalf of her candidacy at Grand Prairie Saturday. The speakers were Meses, Edith E. Wilmans and W. S. Bramlett.

### Capt. Pazzral Takes Stump in Behalf of Governor Ferguson

La Grange, Texas, Aug. 23.—Capt. Method Pazzral of West, and other prominent speakers, will speak at a big Ferguson rally at La Grange at the court house lawn, on Friday, Aug. 27, at 8 p. m. The closing shots of the campaign will be fired at this speaking.

Captain Pazzral is recognized as an orator with few equals and will, no doubt, entertain his listeners with a logical discussion of the big issues before the people at this time. Captain Pazzral was formerly assistant county attorney of this county and is well and favorably known throughout the county.

In the first primary Captain Pazzral supported Lynch Davidson but is now stamping the state for governor Ferguson and telling his people why he chooses Ferguson over Moody.

### Tells Dallas News People May Decide To Rule in Texas

Dallas News: I will thank you to publish the following in your Letters From Readers columns. It is short, and I trust is acceptable to you.

JOE. M. HANCOCK.  
A Timely Hint.

To the News:  
It may be that the reaction has set up in the run-off primary. Some times a ball game is won in the ninth inning. God didn't create self styled political leaders to rescue Texas because they cry "wolf, wolf."

On reflection, the people may decide to continue to rule, and thus spoil a seemingly perfectly planned victory.

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Moody's War on Woman Is Denounced by "Mother of Legion Boys" in Dallas

At the mass meeting called for the woman supporters of Governor Ferguson in the Junior Ball room of the Adolphus hotel Wednesday morning, August 11, a large number of ladies and gentlemen attended the meeting. Mrs. Edith Wilmans was unanimously elected permanent chairman at the meeting. Mrs. Wilmans having been one of the candidates for governor of Texas, is fully qualified for this position.

Miss Elizabeth Baker was unanimously elected permanent secretary. Mrs. Wilmans opened the meeting by telling those present what the meeting was for, and she spoke in condemnation of the kind of campaign that was waged against Mrs. Ferguson. She then called upon Rev. W. H. Wright to offer the invocation. Mr. Wright offered a most beautiful prayer, quoting from the Bible the different women who, like Mrs. Ferguson, had waged war for righteousness.

Mrs. Wilmans then appointed a committee on resolutions endorsing Governor Ferguson's administration. This committee was composed of the following: Chairman, Mrs. W. S. Bramlett; Mrs. M. Fields; Mrs. W. A. Marsh; Mrs. M. S. Bannon; Mrs. W. C. Martin; Mrs. J. K. Morris; Mrs. W. H. Wright; and the chairman, Mrs. Wilmans.

The committee on resolutions retired and while they were absent Mrs. Wilmans gave a resume of her tours while a candidate for Governor. She told why she opposed Dan Moody for Governor. She said that Mr. Moody's campaign for governor started in 1925, when he had a consultation with a number of corporations in Mercedes, Texas. Mrs. Wilmans also told of the violation of road bonds and that when she wished to confer with Mr. Moody as to their legality, Mr. Moody ignored her opinion, which was afterward found to be in accord with a supreme court opinion.

The chairman of resolutions announced that the committee was ready to report. The resolutions were read by Mrs. Bramlett, chairman. After reading the resolutions, motion was made and carried that they be unanimously adopted, which was done.

These resolutions appeared in full August 12 in the Forum. Mrs. J. K. Morris then offered some resolutions that she had written herself, endorsing Mrs. Ferguson. These resolutions were also unanimously adopted, as published in full in the Forum of August 12.

The chairman, Mrs. Edith Wilmans, then announced that there were several ladies and gentlemen speakers present. Mr. J. H. Webster was the first speaker. He spoke very highly of Mrs. Ferguson's administration. After telling of the many good things she had done for the state and for the story of two families that lived in Fort Worth, one named Toogood

and the other, Goodenough. He concluded, Moody is too good and Ferguson is good enough for me. Mrs. W. C. Martin then told of the fight for suffrage fifty or sixty years ago, and on a trip to Chicago she had the pleasure of seeing 75 old ladies marching in a suffrage parade and she thought of how the efforts of these good women in the fight for freedom was having its results today. Mrs. Martin also said that so many women, without cause, were not loyal to the first woman governor of Texas and she said that if Mrs. Ferguson were not re-elected it would be a blight on womanhood.

Mrs. W. A. Marsh told why she appreciated Governor Ferguson. Among other things, she said that two years ago, when Texas was looking for a governor to lead the state out of lawlessness and the scourge of the Ku Klux Klan, no man was found available except Mr. Ferguson, but he not being acceptable on account of his impeachment, Mrs. Ferguson was the accepted leader of the largest majority ever given a governor in Texas.

Mrs. Maud Hall said that all this talk about Mrs. Ferguson breaking her pledge to Dan seemed to make great campaign matter for Moody. She would like to remind these critics of Mrs. Ferguson that two years ago, when the Butte supporters broke the pledge to the Democratic party, even the pulpits agreed that there was nothing criminal about it. These bolters knew at the time of their pledge the strong possibility of Mrs. Ferguson's nomination, but as Mrs. Wilmans brought out in her address, a fraudulent contract is not binding under the law, and Mrs. Ferguson found conditions existing that were not disclosed at the time of making her pledge. It was also brought out that it was Moody's duty as Attorney General to bring to light any discrepancies that might occur in the Ferguson administration. If such discrepancies occurred, his obligation was to bring them to light at the time of occurrence, and not wait until such disclosures would serve the interest of his campaign.

At the close of the meeting, an interesting visitor from Chicago and another from Georgia testified to the high regard in which Governor Ferguson is held in those sections of the country. ELIZABETH BAKER, Secretary.

PRIVATE PARTIES BACK MOODY'S \$10,000,000 PENITENTIARY LAW

Governor Ferguson gave out at Austin the following statement Monday:

"In the closing week of this campaign I want to emphasize my platform declaration made in April of this year that I shall oppose any attempt to remove the present prison location of the Penitentiary System and to warn the people of what is in store for the tax payers if Mr. Moody should be elected. It will be remembered that I vetoed the bill passed by the last Legislature providing for the sale of the eighty thousand acres of land now owned by the prison system and to relocate the State Penitentiary within seventy-five miles of Austin. This veto was distinctly a Ferguson veto and is Fergusonism in its most pronounced form. Mr. Moody of course is in favor of the law and I have just been recently informed that all members of the Legislature from his home (Williamson) County are to present the bill to the Legislature again, relying upon Mr. Moody to approve the bill if he is elected Governor. Prominent women from Georgetown who have been strongly advocating Moody's election are in on the deal also.

"I understand that options have already been obtained—or at least agreed upon, to sell the State ten thousand acres of land in the vicinity of Round Rock in Williamson county. Most of these lands belong to one estate, of a prominent family of Round Rock. These lands have a shallow soil and have been in cultivation for about fifty years and the soil is mostly worn out. The scheme is to re-enact the law vetoed by me and then this ten thousand acres will be offered to the State, with the argument that the lands are very valuable and are within twenty-five or thirty miles of Austin, and I understand the price that will be demanded is \$200.00 an acre.

"This will be an initial investment to be settled on the State of Two Million Dollars, and as it will require at least Forty Thousand acres of land to provide employment for all the convicts of the penitentiary system, then the additional acreage comprising some thirty thousand acres will have to be acquired by the State to complete the relocation and the scheme is, so I am informed, to feed to the State ten thousand acres of land more every two years for \$200.00 an acre; or Two Million Dollars extra every time the Legislature meets in regular session until the whole forty thousand acres of land is acquired at \$200.00 an acre.

"So it is already planned in this relocation law to tax the people at least Eight Million Dollars more for land alone and then it will cost Two Million Dollars additional to erect buildings to take care of the prison population.

"The scheme then is to offer the eighty thousand acres of land now owned by the Prison System at whatever price it will bring. As the land is not improved for occupancy by small home owners, but has been improved for occupancy by the convicts, the present buildings on the land that have cost the State already more than a Million Dollars will be an additional loss to the State, and said lands will not bring anything like their present value.

"It is confidently asserted already in Austin that the relocation of the system will be made as stated if Mr. Moody is elected. Every movement of Mr. Moody and his friends shows that Mr. Moody is in favor of the re-enactment of the law which I vetoed, and that he will co-operate with the general plan of his friends in Williamson county to pass the law for removal. If I am wrong in my opinion as to Mr. Moody's position he has time yet to tell the people before election day. As for me, I want the people to know that if I am elected Governor and they attempt again to pass the law for the removal of the penitentiary that I will again veto the same. This scheme would cost the people more than Ten Million Dollars clear loss and somebody will make a profit out of it that would make any road contract look like thirty cents. In any event, I am against the removal of the Penitentiary System and I want the people to know it before election, and the people ought to know Mr. Moody's position on this important question. Will he answer? Will he veto the law if passed?"

"MIRIAM A. FERGUSON."

Wharton Citizen Adds His Reply to Chronicle Editor

To the Houston Chronicle: I am a reader of the Chronicle and I want to reply to your editorial of August 14th headed "To the Ferguson Supporters."

In this article you have assumed to become the spiritual and political adviser of the people who voted for Ma Ferguson on the 24th. You seem to be terribly exercised because Ma Ferguson didn't resign and did not withdraw from the race and as you say did not keep her promise. It is remarkable how soon you forget the 200,000 bolters who did not keep their promise two years ago and voted for Dr. Butte, and you and your candidate are following the lead of Tom Love who says he would not keep his promise and vote for Ma Ferguson even if he did take the Democratic pledge to do so.

You say that Ferguson has not been a friend to the poor. In making this statement before you try to run a blind mule over us you ought to be able to point to something that he has ever done that is against the poor. You seem to be worried because Jim don't speak good enough when he is talking to us and does better when he is talking to the other people. You people are not concerned about grammar as much as we are concerned about bread. We want somebody that knows our troubles and if he can't speak our language then we know that he can not ever know the needs of the common people.

Again you say that Ferguson is a wealthy ranchman, a lawyer, a banker and a profiting politician. You are quoting from Ferguson's announcement for office in 1914 when he went into office a wealthy man. At the same time you know that as a result of his political troubles and his effort to serve the people he went out of office a poor man. The Chronicle from time to time has published the fact of many suits being filed against Ferguson for debts which he could not pay. You know that he has not been a lawyer in ten years and he has not been a banker in seven years, and your statement about him being a profiting politician is not borne out by any fact.

You seem to be terribly exercised because the tenant farmers and the tillers of the soil might be for Ferguson. You ask if the landlord and tenant law ever did us any good. I say yes, and every tenant farmer knows that it has been of untold benefit to the tenant class. While many greedy landlords are still fighting Ferguson because he had this law passed, yet the law stopped the abuse of the bonus system which would have resulted in the farmers having to pay one-half of the rent instead of a third and fourth if Ferguson had not passed the law. Before Ferguson passed this law the landlords would boast how much bonus they had collected, but you bet your sweet life they don't boast now.

You say that Ferguson don't offer us anything. I am bound to differ with you Mr. Editor. Ferguson offers us the gasoline tax that will make the oil companies pay their share of the upkeep of the government, and with this three cent gasoline tax we will have more roads and schools. Moody says he is against the gasoline tax and that means he is against more roads and schools because he offers no other way to provide the payment of these necessities for the children and the people. We are taxed to the limit and bonded to the limit and if Moody has his way then he wants to raise the already excessive amount of taxes that the common people have to pay.

You say that we ignorant farmers should take the advice of the Chronicle and the San Antonio papers, and the advice of Cone Johnson, Marshall Hicks, Henry Dannenbaum, John Boyle and Cullen Thomas. If I remember right the Chronicle paid Governor Ferguson \$15,000 for libeling him, and the Houston Post paid \$8,000, Mr. Hobby's paper paid \$3,000 and the San Antonio Express paid \$7,500 for telling something on Ferguson that was not so. After he caught you with the goods on don't you think it a big piece of nerve to try to tell us to believe anything you say. Marshall Hicks and Cullen Thomas are the big high kickers in the crowd that bolted the ticket two years ago, and in addition to this Cone Johnson, John Boyle and the Chronicle told us farmers two years ago that any man that was supported by the Ku Klux ought to be looked on with suspicion and not receive the votes of the democrats. Ferguson has not changed, but you fellows have changed and gone back on what you preached to us two years ago. I remember quite well that the Chronicle in many editorials told the people that anybody that ran with the Ku Klux should not be called a democrat. Hiram Evans, the Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan and all his Titans and Dragons of Texas are bragging that they will elect Dan Moody. If the Chronicle was right two years ago you are wrong now in supporting Moody who was run by the Ku Klux. If you were wrong then the people ought not to let you advise them now.

No Mr. Chronicle, we farmers and supporters of Ferguson are going to remain true in the faith. Although you and your oil company friends may skin us out of the election we are not going to surrender our allegiance to the man that has always been our friend. Yours truly, W. L. FRAZIER, El Campo, Texas.

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By James E. Ferguson Sealy, Wednesday, Aug. 25, 8 P. M. Bryan, Thursday, Aug. 26, 8 P. M. Groesbeck, Friday, Aug. 27, 8 P. M.

FERGUSON DATES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Ferguson Forum is authorized to annou... the following candidates for the offices listed before their names, subject to the action of the democratic primaries to be held Saturday, August 28, 1926. For State Treasurer: J. R. BALL, of Fannin County For County Judge: OWEN P. CARPENTER For Commissioner, Precinct No. 3: W. M. McDONALD S. E. WHITE

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Gasoline Tax by States

As a considerable portion of the opening speech of Jim Ferguson in the Second Primary campaign is given to a discussion of the proposed gasoline tax of three cents per gallon as a means of insuring adequate funds to permit a \$15.00 per capita school apportionment and to enable the continued construction of modern highways, the following with reference to the tax levied in other states and the amounts realized therefrom is timely and instructive.

According to the American Petroleum Institute, the gasoline tax was first imposed in 1919, in Oregon. It has now been adopted by all the states except New York, Illinois, New Jersey and Massachusetts. The tendency has been continually to increase the rate of tax per gallon. As late as 1921 gasoline taxes for the entire country were only about \$5,000,000; in 1922, \$12,000,000; in 1923, almost \$37,000,000; in 1924, \$79,000,000, and in 1925, \$142,987,740.

With good prospects that the "gas" tax will be adopted soon by states which do not have it now, and with the gallonage rates being increased in other states, it is calculated that this tax alone will soon raise \$200,000,000 a year, quite possibly during 1926.

Table with columns: States, Tax Per Gallon, Collections, States, Tax Per Gallon, Collections. Lists various states and their respective tax rates and total collections.

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