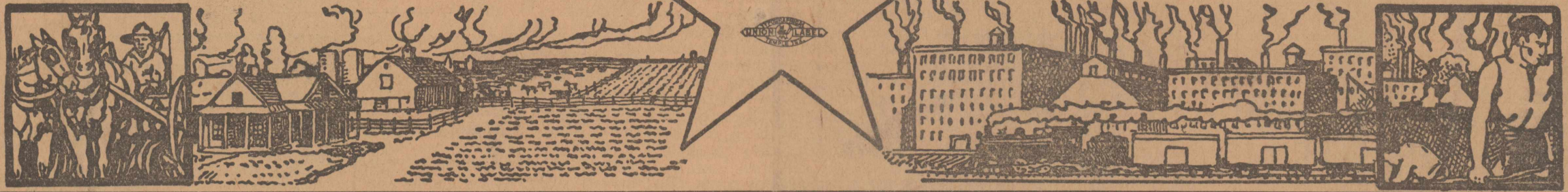


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Organized Labor Is Given Credit by Gov. Ferguson For Progressive Statutes

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The twenty-ninth convention of the Texas State Federation of Labor convened in Houston, Monday, with Governor Miriam A. Ferguson, Lieutenant Governor Barry Miller, Mayor Holcombe and County Judge Bryan, sounding notes of welcome and words of felicitation to organized labor.

"We meet under most auspicious circumstances," Herman Kachel, president of the State Federation, said just before the convention assembled. "It is a time of profound peace between labor and capital, with not a note of discord anywhere in this great state. The convention in attendance, in enthusiasm and in good will is the greatest the hosts of labor have ever held."

Mrs. Ferguson sat beside her husband on the platform and was given an ovation when she arose to deliver her address, which was brief, and which she read from manuscript.

She gave organized labor credit for many progressive acts of legislation, including the eight-hour day, the free textbook law, the compulsory education law, the workmen's compensation law, many sanitary laws, improving conditions under which labor toils.

She said the outstanding accomplishment of organized labor in the last 25 years has been to commit the government, states and individuals to the eight-hour law for those who work. The chief benefit from the law, she said, is that it enables the laboring man to read and study and think and cultivate his mind. Following is the text of her address.

"I am glad to be with you today on this recurring official meeting of your various organizations. Glad not that it might be a matter of opportunity and an occasion to indulge in platitudes and to say pleasant things to you for the purpose of making you feel at least temporarily good."

"I am glad rather, because it affords me an opportunity to talk to you about practical matters. The purpose of organized labor always has been, is now and is declared to be for the future to benefit men, women and children, make better their present conditions and brighter their promises for the future. There has never been a time when it is any source that this purpose could be realized. It is proper now for us to take a retrospect and see if you have carried out that purpose. If organized labor has discharged her obligations to herself, to the public and to those who are connected with it. It is my individual opinion that organized labor has contributed more to benefit and bless mankind and to brighten the labors of those who toil than any other agency of modern times. It is also proper to recall something that has been done. The outstanding accomplishment of organized labor in the last twenty-five years has been to commit the government, states and individuals to the eight-hour law for those who work. The eight-hour law is no longer a proposition, but it is a principle in our government which will never hereafter be challenged by any one. The benefits flowing therefrom are too obvious and too manifold to challenge discussion.

"To my mind the chief benefit derived from the eight-hour law is that it enables the laboring man to read and study and think and cultivate his mind. With our libraries teeming with books, the press of the country issuing its magazines, and daily papers, there is no reason why the laboring man should not attain that high degree of culture that has been enjoyed by the more prosperous."

"A man can be a cultivated gentleman in any line of labor just as easily as he can in any other line if he will apply himself and use the benefits of time available under the eight-hour law and the opportunities offered by the age in which he lives. Labor realizes this and has contributed more to the progress and advancement of public education than any other agency. She has provided liberal taxation for the payment of teachers. She fostered and passed the free text book law and the compulsory education law in this state, and for these two laws alone generations yet unborn should be grateful to her.

"The law is properly required that the employer provide a safe and healthy place in which labor had to work. But it took the efforts of organized labor to make this law a living thing by providing safety devices and the slogan of 'Safety First' is properly labor's slogan. She was a pioneer in the passage of sanitary laws. She was responsible for the living wage laws that are on our books, for the workmen's compensation law which we have and numerous other safety, sanitary and wholesome laws. She is responsible for the just and living wages payable and paid to the various branches of organized labor throughout this state, and in this connection I am glad to say that while Houston, Texas, is outstripping all the other southern cities in per-

manent and substantial development, the statistics show that in 1925 she paid the highest average wage paid to labor of any city in the world.

"Wherever you have a people who pay high wages you necessarily have a prosperous people, because it is out of the wage of those who toil and the fruits of their industry that the world prospers or stagnates. This is something which you have accomplished. These things give evidence of what you may accomplish. With a consciousness then of your capacity evidenced by what you have done, I have a perfect confidence that you will meet life's duties as they arise and discharge its obligations as they come up, and with this thought in mind I bid you God speed in the day's labor, that is set before you and ask that in the future as in the past your purpose be to bless, brighten and make happier the condition of man."

President Kachel referred to the fact that Houston is one city that has "nurses' union and a fighters' union, and J. C. Sears, head of the Street Workers Union, arose to remind him that it also had a street employees' union with more than 300 members affiliated with the state federation.

While Lieutenant Governor Miller was not on the program, George Slater, executive secretary of the state body, asked that he be requested to address the convention.

Ships Disinfected to Keep Out Foot and Mouth Disease

Austin, Texas, April 21.—In an effort to prevent re-occurrence of foot and mouth disease in Texas, Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson has issued a proclamation, effective April 15, providing for disinfecting of vessels entering "Texas" ports from foreign countries or that have touched foreign ports. These vessels are to be disinfected before unloading cargoes or discharging any of their passengers or crew, unless the steamship companies operating the vessels shall furnish the veterinarian inspector of the Texas Live Stock Sanitary Commission at port of entry a sworn statement and indorsed by the American consul at port of origin, stating that the ships do not carry hay, straw, hides, cattle or animal by-products and a further requirement is that no garbage may be brought within three miles of a Texas port.

Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson, in a supplemental proclamation, effective April 10, provides that cattle in Mexico quarantined because of scrapie may be shipped into Texas under permit of the live stock sanitary commission after the first dipping at point of origin under supervision of an inspector of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry, the shipments to be made to a market center for slaughter. It is also provided that cattle moving in compliance with the Bureau of Animal Industry requirements for international movement to a recognized market center for slaughter purpose may move without further restrictions.

Ferguson Campaign For Governor Will Open Early in May

Houston, Texas, April 21.—Authoritative announcement was made that Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson will not open her campaign for re-election until some time early in May, and in north Texas. This statement was made by Ex-Gov. James E. Ferguson for Mrs. Ferguson.

"The farmers are six weeks behind with their field work," said Mr. Ferguson, "and can not leave the land at this time to hear political speeches. For that reason, the governor will not open her campaign until some time in early May."

After formally opening the State Federation of Labor meeting here Monday, the gubernatorial party went to Huntsville and the governor made her first visit to the state prison walls. She also visited the Gorce farm, where the convicts are guarded, and the Wynne farm for convicts.

"The trip to Huntsville was made by the governor to obtain first-hand information regarding the prisoners within the walls," said Mr. Ferguson, "and also to study the general operation of the state prison system."

Some Who Will Not Vote for Mrs. Ferguson

All the voters of Texas will not support Mrs. Ferguson for re-election and Lea Beaty of Lockhart, one of the most practical business men and intelligent political observers in the state has classified some of those who may be counted upon to vote against her. He sends the Forum the following as his classification of those who will be found in the ranks of the opposition to her:

Editor Forum: Some people argue that every voter should vote for Mrs. Ferguson for governor. I cannot agree with them. There are several reasons why many should and will vote against her, and are justified in their course.

Those who wish to have the Ku Klux law repealed, will, and should vote against Mrs. Ferguson.

Those who want the penitentiary system to run at a loss to the state from one to one and a quarter million dollars a year are justified in voting against Ma.

Those who did and those who would be delighted in kidnaping a man, or woman, and scurry them off to a pasture to whip, beat, tar and feather some human, while others looked on and enjoyed the inhuman treatment, should, and will vote against Mrs. Ferguson.

Those who are loyal to the Imperial Wizard, Titans and High Flops will vote against Ma. They have the best of reason for doing so, neither does the writer blame them, she has no right to expect their votes.

Those who want the Search and Seizure Law repealed, so that some unscrupulous officer can and will search the homes of citizens without a legal search warrant, the only protection the citizens have under the constitution, they will, and ought to vote against Ma.

Those who want to sell the penitentiary state lands and buildings to rebuild in west Texas at a cost to tax payers at a loss of ten or twelve, perhaps, fifteen million dollars, many of them will vote against Ma, for she put the kibosh on them when she vetoed the pen bill.

Those who can't see, or will not see, that in the cancelling of the contract between the American Road Company and the State Highway Department instead of saving to the state six hundred thousand dollars, the state lost about three hundred and fifty thousand dollars by buttin' in.

Those people will surely vote against Ma for that was the propaganda, the main reason for starting the disturbance, the rucus, if you please. The explosion came and those posted say no more about the six hundred thousand dollars. The light was turned on.

LEA BEATY,
Lockhart, Texas.

Jesse H. Jones Made Director General of Texas Centennial

Houston, Texas, April 21.—Jesse H. Jones, Houston capitalist, who directed the financial affairs of the national democratic executive committee in the John W. Davis campaign, has been chosen permanent director general of the Texas Centennial celebration. Mr. Jones has accepted the appointment, thereby, in the opinion of his friends, guaranteeing the success of the movement.

Mr. Jones succeeds Cato Sells, who has served as temporary director since the inception of the movement about one year ago. Referring to his acceptance of the post, Mr. Jones said: "I appreciate the great honor conferred upon me by the Texas Centennial committee in asking me to take the leadership of the Centennial movement. Naturally, I have not had time to outline any plans, but, of course, we must have a suitable Centennial to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the independence of our great state and with the help and co-operation of all the people of Texas, I will do what I can to promote such a celebration."

Action taken here recalls the fact that at a meeting of the governing board of 100 members held at Dallas several months ago, Cato Sells, temporary chairman, told the committee that the time had come when a permanent director general should be selected and asked that his resignation as chairman be accepted.

A committee was appointed to select a permanent chairman. The committee was composed of the following members: Louis Lipsitz, Cato Sells, Lowry Martin, Cullen F. Thomas, Mrs. Alec L. Adams, Oscar F. Holcombe, T. P. Buffington, J. E. Hughes, George H. Slater and Benton McMillan.

After carefully considering the matter, the committee unanimously agreed to ask Jesse H. Jones to take the leadership. Accordingly the full nominating committee met at the Rice hotel, Houston, with Mr. Jones as chairman, and eventually known Chairman Lipsitz, Cato Sells and Hon. Cullen F. Thomas presented the desire of the committee to Mr. Jones and earnestly urged his acceptance. Sells and Thomas reviewed the history of the Centennial organi-

Speakers for State Teachers' Meeting at El Paso Named

Fort Worth, Texas, April 21.—President J. M. Bledsoe of the Texas State Teachers Association has announced several speakers for the Association convention in El Paso November 25-26-27. He is definitely assured that the following will speak: Dr. Marion Mayo of Saint Louis, Dr. Ernest Horn of the University of Iowa, Superintendent Frank D. Boynton of the Ithaca, New York city schools, Mrs. Katherine M. Cook of the rural division of the United States Bureau of Education, Dr. L. Culbert of Leland Stanford University, President H. L. Kent of the New Mexico A. & M. College.

State Trap Shoot at Temple to Be Opened June 7 By Governor

Austin, Texas, April 21.—Going to her home in Temple, June 7, Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson will fire the first shot in the Texas state trap-shooting annual tournament. Roy Tennant, member of the board of control and past president of the Texas Trapshooters, said. He said that the governor had signified her willingness to open the contest. James E. Ferguson, when governor in 1914, opened the contest in Temple, Tennant said.

Satterwhite Opposed by Payne, of Canyon For Legislative Job

Canyon, Texas, April 21.—Superintendent A. D. Payne of the Canyon public schools has announced as a candidate for the legislative opposing Lee Satterwhite of Amarillo, speaker of the house. Payne has served six years as school superintendent here. He was admitted to the bar last year and expects to start practicing law in Amarillo in June.

Milam County Woman 60 Years a Resident of Cameron Is Dead

Cameron, Tex., April 21.—Mrs. Amanda Batte, affectionately known to the people of this section as "Aunt Mattie," died in Cameron early Monday morning. Mrs. Batte had lived in Cameron for more than sixty years and was one of the best known women in Milam county.

Governor in Prison Tells Convicts She Is Happy to Help Those Who Merit It

Huntsville, Texas, April 20.—The 370 prisoners behind the faded walls of the Texas prison were all astir Tuesday over the first visit of the state's first woman governor, Miriam A. Ferguson, to the central unit of the system of eighteen institutions.

The governor arrived at Phelps, near Huntsville, from Houston shortly before noon and was welcomed by H. W. Sayle, chairman of the prison commission, Commissioner S. G. Granbury, Warden N. L. Speer and other officials and delegations from Phelps and Huntsville, as well as the prison band.

The governor and her party had lunch at the home of Commissioner Sayle and then went to the gates, from which the mental sign of prisoners, "He who enters here, leave all hope behind," in many instances has been erased by the woman executive's clemency.

Frank O'Rourke, secretary to the commission, accompanied the governor from Houston, where she was greeted by Commissioner W. R. Dulaney. The trip from Phelps was made by motor through the East Texas pine forests.

The visit was dramatic from the beginning to the close. Two negroes, in their death cells only a few feet away from the electric chair, abandoned their Bibles when the governor came to them, and knelt at the bars, clutching the hem of her dress and kissing her hand. Scores of prisoners told their pitiful stories to the governor as she made the rounds of the cells, workshops and yards, and asked for pardons.

In her brief address to the prisoners in the auditorium, the governor said: "I am very much pleased with everything as I have found it, and am especially glad to see that you boys are as happy as can be under the circumstances."

"I want to tell you this: That working well and being good under my administration means more than anything else and I am always happy to pardon you, of course, under the law."

"This is not such a bad place to stay, after all. We all have to be punished for some of the bad things we do. It could be worse."

"I want you to try to be as good men as you can, especially after leaving the prison. Make good men, work hard and if I can ever get a chance I will be only too glad to do something for you."

Former Gov. Ferguson said that it is inconceivable that anyone could come to the penitentiary and visit the prisoners and refuse to do something for them, if he had the power. It would be alarming to think anyone in this country, claiming to be founded on the Christian religion "would want to condemn the liberal pardoning policy of anyone," Mr. Ferguson said. "I never understood it when they began to criticize me about pardoning so many people out of the penitentiary, and I never understood it when they began to criticize my wife. It is inconceivable that a man could come to the penitentiary and hear the different cases laid before him and not want to do something for the inmates."

"For a long time I used to have some personal resentment against those who get mad, but the older I have become the more I have come to the opinion that the man who condemns the pardon policy needs just about as much pardoning and sympathy as the man who has been in trouble and is in the penitentiary. Between the two I had rather be the man in the penitentiary, with a five-year sentence hanging over my head, than to arrive at that state of mind, when in my heart I did not want to see anybody get a pardon out of the penitentiary. It is a phenomenon I do not understand."

Ferguson then asked if the prisoners did not see how the governor arrived at her pardon policy, and said: "We have arrived at it by the practice and use of reason, that if you are civilized, you must therefore give some evidence of being civilized."

"I want to emphasize, boys, again," he added, "I want to see you in the next two years and my wife is going to be governor the next two years I didn't think that anybody doubted that but I just wanted to mention the fact."

Both Gov. Ferguson and the former governor received ovations from the prisoners.

The first thing the governor wanted to see was the electric chair, from which she saved six men condemned to die and where she let eleven pay the supreme penalty. Those she saved, W. T. Aven of Waco, who killed his wife, and Newt Deslava, both white men; Salvador Jacques and Arnulfo Valles, Mexicans, and Roy Mitchell and Joe Brown, negroes, Tuesday expressed their humble gratitude to the woman governor.

Gov. Ferguson shook hands with all the prisoners she met—some 370—among them Frank Collier, former Mayor of Wichita Falls, here for killing his son-in-law. Collier said that he was being treated well and could ask nothing but freedom. She met Charles Cline, a Bostonian and the only American in the gang of alleged bandits led by Joe Jesus Rangel, Mexican, who is a trusty here and who has served in the federal prison since 1913. Jesus Gonzales, third member of the gang that was responsible for the death of Candelario Ortiz in Dimmitt county, also is serving time here.

W. B. Spencer and S. John Gurbur, who became known in the Frank Norfleet swindle case, were also presented to Governor Ferguson. Spencer told Mrs. Ferguson that Gurbur was a victim of circumstances. Joe Fluery, another member of the gang, is dead. Aaron McDaniels, negro, is the

next man scheduled to go to the chair, the date being May 3, with an axman, Sam Phillips, also a negro, who killed Jesse Davis on the Imperial Prison farm for \$4.10, slated to die on May 16. Both men were reading their Bibles when the governor came to them and they knelt at her feet and kissed her hand.

As the woman executive gazed upon the wooden chair designed by C. A. Puntley, convicted of murder and serving a five-year sentence, she remarked that she did not sleep the first night of an execution during her administration, when Sidney Wells, who killed Jim Chase in Dallas jailer, was executed.

Since Gov. Ferguson has been in office twelve men have sat in the death chair. Welk, Lavanna Twitche of Dallas, Frank and Lorenzo Noel, Dallas negroes who assaulted white women and killed their companions; Edw. Rutledge and Milton Carr, who was employed by a white man to attack his wife; Willie Vaughan, Forrest and H. A. Robbins, Dallas negroes who killed a policeman, and John Smith, negro, who killed Sheriff Dick Paulley in Coleman county, are those who have died in the electric chair. Another one, according to N. L. Speer, warden who has pushed the switch that sent thirteen men to an unknown hereafter, is Agapito Ruidisa, San Antonio Mexican who killed the woman he loved to save her from himself. Ruidisa was the gamest of all and went to the death chair with a smile, Speer said.

Thirty-three men have been in death cells, six of whom were saved by the governor; twenty-five have gone to the chair, and two are now in death cells.

After inspecting the clean quarters of the wardens, Governor Ferguson visited the shoemakers, wagonmakers, foundrymen, the stores mess halls and kitchen. She ate with the prisoners at sundown. She walked with them through the flower garden inside the walls and passed cigarettes and magazines to them.

University Regents Direct \$3,000,000 Invested in Bonds

Galveston, Texas, April 20.—A resolution instructing the State Treasurer to invest a large sum of money belonging to the permanent fund of the University of Texas in State of Texas or United States bonds in accordance with the provision of the Constitution was adopted by the board of regents of the University in session here on Tuesday. It is understood that the sum approximates \$3,000,000. The investment is to be under the direction of and with the approval of the finance committee of the board of regents.

No decision was reached in the matter of a test case in the supreme court as to pledging University income in obtaining a loan for the erection of new buildings at the University to supplant the present shacks. Considerable discussion centered about the project, a committee being appointed to confer with the Attorney General. The committee includes Sam Neathery of McKinney and R. G. Storey of Dallas.

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FERGUSONS' FRIENDS HEARD FROM

Mefo, of the Houston Chronicle, in a recent issue of his paper published a number of letters received from readers, commenting upon his position with respect to the candidates for governor this year.

C. P. Williams, Post, Texas: "I can not understand how a paper like The Chronicle can come out for Dan Moody."

A. McGary, Willis, Texas: "As a long-time friend and admirer of The Chronicle and one who for several years regarded it as the greatest newspaper in all the South, will say that I think you have made a fearful mistake in espousing the cause of Dan Moody for governor in the present campaign."

W. J. Pollard, 119 East Houston Street, Paris: "You must hurry home. The Chronicle has joined hands with the K. K. K. and Tom Love of Dallas in support of Moody."

A BENEFICENT PROVIDENCE AND THE KU KLUX KLAN

The attempt of the Ku Klux Klan, under a guise of pretended virtue, to make a thrust into the faces of the Fergusons by holding a so-called state-wide rally in the cause of prohibition and morality, in Temple, the home of the governor and her husband, a former governor, was repelled and rebuked by providence.

The enemies of the Fergusons have been loud in their proclamations that the happy condition in which the penitentiary system found itself under the administration of Jim Ferguson as governor in 1915-17, a condition which has been duplicated under the administration of his good wife in 1925-26, was due to a kindly providence.

In the present wet situation about the Temple grounds where the Ku Klux Klan and its naturalized subjects were to attempt an affront to the governor elected by the honest democrats of Texas, it is pertinent to ask: Do the naturalized 100 per centers see the hand of Providence in favor of the Fergusons?

Thank God! Americans still can enjoy the liberties for which the unmasked and bright-eyed American patriots fought at the Alamo, at Goliad and at San Jacinto, without bowing at the throne of an imperial wizard and accepting "naturalization" at the hands of a hooded fraternity of fanatics and disciples of racial hatred.

TIMELY ADVICE TO VOTERS AND TAXPAYERS

There is wisdom and timely advice in what the Coolidge Herald says about the choice of members of the state legislature, both senate and house, and county commissioners. These are the officers who have the authority for making appropriations and handling and disbursing the money contributed by taxpayers and yet in the campaigns for nomination and election they receive scant attention or consideration.

The Coolidge Herald thus discusses this matter: "The member of the legislature, both house and senate and the county commissioner, from your home county or beat, are the two most important offices that come within the gift of the people, and yet they are the least sought or thought of. They absolutely say what your taxes shall be and how your tax money shall be spent after it is collected. They also make the laws under which you must live, which protect your rights of life and property, and yet we elect these officials, with as little thought as to qualifications, as we would the 'pound' man or the 'dog catcher'—then how our heads off about 'incompetency' and 'graft.'"

In the merry month of May the campaign will be well under way. Read the Forum.

A country lad on a visit to Houston used a fire alarm box as a scratching post when his back itched and the run made by the firemen cost the city \$10,000. When the boy told the police judge how it all happened he was let go with an admonition to look next time before he scratched.

The over cautious fellow who insisted upon answering "I'll do the best I can," in the marriage ceremony is still a bachelor. The preacher refused to accept his answer and the wedding was indefinitely postponed and the license was returned to the clerk. This happened in Virginia.

The Fredericksburg Radio Post recalls that at the last election many persons wondered "Where did Moody get all the votes from?" and adds that "After the primary the same people will exclaim: 'Where are all the votes that are missing on Moody's count?' Dan will not have the Ferguson votes to worry about this year. In 1924 he was eager to have them but the voters have found him out and will not endorse his conduct."

Tom Love became so voluminous in his answers, rejoinders, supplemental answers, sur-joinders and other expressions of his rancor toward the Fergusons that the Dallas Morning News called a halt on him and Dwight Lewelling, so that others might gain a hearing. It will take lots of writing and talking to convince honest Texas voters that Tom Love, supporter of a republican candidate against a regular democratic nominee and now threatening another bolt, is the right kind of person to send to the state senate. He just cannot do it.

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The democratic State Executive committee, of which Arthur R. Eidson, of Hamilton, is chairman, will meet June 14, in Wichita Falls, as provided by the Terrell election law, for the purpose of certifying to chairmen of the respective counties the names of all candidates for state offices which are to be printed on the official primary ballot.

The first primary will be held July 24, being the fourth Saturday in that month. This date is fixed by the election laws. The second or "run-off" primary will be held August 28, being the fourth Saturday in that month, also fixed by the election laws.

On or before June 7 candidates for state offices must file their applications with the state chairman of the executive committee for a place on the ticket. On the same date candidates for district offices, such as congressmen, senators, representatives in the house, district attorneys, etc., must file their names with their district chairmen.

These dates are of interest to candidates and voters alike and should be kept in mind. There is another date that is of importance although most voters fail and neglect to give it serious attention.

From time to time the Forum will remind voters of the dates fixed by the election laws in connection with assemblies, conventions, elections, canvassing returns, etc.

SUL ROSS PROPOSED BOND PLAN

The Dallas Morning News, with an assumption of legal wisdom brands as unconstitutional the proposal by the governor to issue a manuscript bond for the investment of the permanent fund of the University of Texas.

Of course the small fry klux and anti-Ferguson papers are not expected to be familiar with Texas history. All their knowledge is that they hate the Fergusons and want to discredit them in every possible way.

The Dallas News, in its great constitutional wisdom, pronounces the proposal "patently unconstitutional." There are lawyers who do not subscribe to the correctness of the constitutional lore of the News, but here is what Former Governor Ferguson, in a statement to the press, says about the history, which the News should have known:

"The proposal to issue \$3,000,000 state manuscript bonds for investment of the university permanent fund was not one of those 'dangerous ideas' of Jim Ferguson, as the politicians are saying," Mr. Ferguson averred, "and I wish I could truthfully say it originated with me, but the truth is that proposition came from no less a personage than the lamented Lawrence Sullivan Ross, a revered governor of this state."

"If you will look in the legislative records, you will find that Governor Ross sent a message to the legislature directing attention to the low interest rate the university would receive from investing its permanent fund in government bonds and recommending that legislation be had authorizing the issuance of manuscript state bonds. His suggestion was adopted and the legislature enacted statutes which have been handed down through the codifications until they were invoked by Governor Ferguson in her desire to aid the university. Thus it was the proposition of Governor Ross and not of Jim Ferguson."

Mr. Ferguson said it was not certain that the statutes are constitutional, at least, some one has raised the question and he expressed the opinion that a means would be had to test them before the bonds are accepted by the university.

"Newspapers editorializing to the effect that the state would not pay the interest on these bonds are doing the credit of Texas more harm than a dozen Archer county decisions," Mr. Ferguson declared, "for it is a fact that the state of Texas has never defaulted on a nickel of its bonds. Its credit should not be thus assailed."

PUTS QUESTION TO "PURISTS"

The proposal of Tom Love and other self-anointed "purists," who prate of conscience when they bolt a democratic nominee and then appeal to the conscience of others when they wish to gratify their selfish aims and malignant purposes, has aroused resentment among those whose democracy is not "koined in a Klavern" or inspired by hate.

In the State election of November, 1924, I voted for every Democrat on the ticket. During the last thirty-five years I have always voted for Democrats whenever I have had the opportunity.

In the primaries this year I shall vote for nobody but Democrats, and when the people of Texas place good Democrats on the ticket for the general election I will vote for them and support them with my whole heart and soul. Now, what are the party loyalist purists going to do about it?

Wichita Falls, Texas. JOHN A. DONALD.

Tom Love already has announced what he will do if Mrs. Ferguson is renominated and there are other kluckers who will follow his example as they did in 1924 when they voted for the candidate of the republican party and used every device and wile to bring about the defeat of the regular democratic nominee after they had voted in two democratic primaries and taken a pledge to support the nominees of "this primary."

Subscribe for the Forum and you will not have to guess about the truth of the campaign or be deceived by a lot of Ku Klux lies. The Forum gives you the truth.

Governor Miriam Ferguson was in Huntsville prison Tuesday but she got out without a pardon, although some of her enemies probably would have been glad to have her kept there. Her visit carried cheer to the prisoners and gave them a close-up of the good Texas mother who practices mercy as taught by the Savior of mankind, some of whose preachers reject his teachings in that respect.

According to the Hebronville News the fight made upon Woodlock as a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission was chiefly the work of the Ku Klux Klan, which Hiram W. Evans, imperial wizard, tells us is not in politics. The News says: "There has been some criticism because of the appointment of Thos. F. Woodlock to a place on the Interstate Commerce Commission and it now develops that this criticism is chiefly of Ku Klux origin, the Klan's lobby at Washington failing to defeat his confirmation by the Senate. Mr. Woodlock's greatest sin seems to be that he is a Catholic and was born in Dublin."

Abuse of "Big Business" by Politicians No Longer Aids Them in Riding Into Office

Senator T. H. McGregor, of Austin, has furnished the Forum with the following copy of a letter addressed by him to the Houston Chronicle:

Dear Sir:—Your editorial, "Big Business and Politics," which appeared in the issue of March 26, should be read by every thoughtful man and woman in Texas. Its strength is its simplicity and its simplicity is its truth. I congratulate you upon this editorial. It is peculiarly timely. The day has passed in Texas when a politician can ride into office by abusing those who prosper and develop the state.

These dates are of interest to candidates and voters alike and should be kept in mind. There is another date that is of importance although most voters fail and neglect to give it serious attention. Immediately after the closing of the polls in the larger cities and sometime during the day at rural voting precincts, in the primary of July 24 precinct conventions are held for the purpose of electing delegates to the county conventions.

I derived a personal pleasure from this editorial because I had given the matters discussed therein previous thought. On the 6th of last September, I delivered the Labor Day speech over the Houston Post-Dispatch radio and touched, although lightly, the very things you discussed in this article.

"Through the designs of those who have not always wished her well labor has sometimes mistaken her friends for her enemies and her enemies for her friends. This is peculiarly true of her attitude toward the farmer whom she has for a long time regarded as unfriendly, while the farmer took a similar view of labor, neither realizing that their proper position in their struggle against those who would exploit them was as allies and not as enemies.

"Common problems and mutual needs have many times in the past brought labor and the farmer together in support of constructive measures. Farmers and industrial workers are the world's basic producers and consequently both groups are vitally interested in finding and utilizing the principles that make for continuous progress and well being of themselves and those they serve."

"Realizing the identity of interests of these two great producing groups, certain exploiting organizations have attempted to create dissension and spread propaganda misrepresenting agriculture and industry, thereby sowing the seed of lack of confidence. To defeat that mischievous activity we recommend that from time to time there be conferences between the representatives of the farmers and the representatives of labor, that there be greater publicity for such an agreement for co-operation upon mutually satisfactory undertakings, political and economic."

"There is another industry in this country whose relations with organized labor should be harmonious and not antagonistic and that is the railroads of the country. The farmers, labor and the railroads are applying the doctrine of a square deal among themselves and allowing it to others, have the power, and some day will exercise it, to dominate the political and commercial affairs of this country. With their properties valued and rates fixed by the government, and their control constantly under governmental supervision, there is no longer a place in this country for the demagogue to array the farmer, the laborer and the railroads against each other in order to secure public office and exploit the people through governmental agencies.

"With the existing overhead and the present valuation of the railroads, freight rates have been reduced to a minimum and yet allow for this overhead and the fair return upon the investment. To further reduce these rates the only fair and just way is to reduce the number of offices and officers of these railroads, and to permit them to consolidate in theory as they do now in fact, to the end that they may dispose of these unnecessary offices and officers. To do this the state must repeal those laws which now prohibit a reduction in official forces which are maintained at a great expense for the sole purpose of complying with obsolete and unscientific laws on our statute books.

"To defeat the repeal of these laws—to maintain these unnecessary offices and officers—to perpetuate this unnecessary overhead, the demagogue and place hunter will talk loud and long about trusts, conspiracies and monopolies and wind up with a peroration on state rights utterly unconscious of the existing commerce clause in the federal constitution and indifferent to the welfare of the people. But let us not forget that where necessity ends in governmental affairs, there extravagance begins, and that in the wake of extravagance always walks corruption. The demagogue has always been a burden to organized labor by either attempting to block her progress or by playing upon prejudice and passion when aroused that he himself might profit."

"In that speech the statement is found that the natural allies, politically and economically in Texas, are farmer, labor and honest business. Thoughtful men expressed their approval of that statement; others appeared to question its soundness.

"On the 3rd day of December, 1925, the Honorable C. A. Dyer, legislative agent of the Ohio State Grange before the 17th Special Annual Meeting of the American Railway Development association, at the Hotel Sherman in Chicago, made a speech on "Taxation as it affects railroads and farmers."

"The greatest peril lies in the path of the next generation. This is the joint fault of the farmer and the school. Children are not taught at school that they must spend less than they earn. They are deprived by law in many states of the opportunity to earn anything for themselves at the most wholesome work. There is no simple course of economics in our public schools that teaches the children that everyone pays for roads and schools and police, etc. Thrift, morality, economy, and the duties and responsibilities of citizenship should occupy a prominent place in the school curriculum. The hand should be taught as well as the head. Fundamentals should displace many of the frills and fads

pressed and thoughtful speech of this able man. Among other things he says: "In 1916, Class I railroads paid a tax of \$157,000,000; in 1924, \$340,000,000, an increase of 116 per cent for the period. Every minute of the day railroads drop \$700 into the public treasury. Yet in spite of increasing taxes, restrictions, labor costs, and high prices for material the receipts per ton mile have dropped from .275c in 1921 to .116c in 1924, and freight rates have been decreased 13 per cent, saving the public in 1924 more than \$600,000,000."

"The farmer is also efficient. His wealth has kept pace with that of others. He produces more profit than any other farmer in the world. The same thing can be said of the manufacturer. His output per worker and in volume constantly grows greater, and so do the wages paid. "But even increasing efficiency of the part of the farmer and the manufacturer cannot forever keep pace with multiplying taxes, increased labor costs, regulations and restrictions.

"Prosperity endures only when all classes are prosperous. No class can continue to prosper if another is suffering depression, for prosperity is like a chain and exists just so long as each link remains unbroken. And the production and transportation links are in grave danger today from taxation, debt and paternalistic and interfering legislation.

"Agriculture and National Prosperity "Agriculture is basic. The farmer must be prosperous if the rest of the country is to be so. If he cannot buy of the manufacturer, manufacturing, handicrafts, and transportation, commerce, mines and labor suffer. The farmer must be prosperous for another reason. If the country is to endure, there must be a reservoir of American citizens from which there will be a steady flow of the right kind of blood and brain and brawn to the cities. Otherwise the cities will become childless, un-American and unfit places in which to live. Peasantry in the U. S. means the drying up of this great reservoir and the downfall of the republic."

"The function of government is to provide a safe place in which the people may carry on their struggle to improve their condition. We have departed far from this. The departure is so great that we might say of our present system of government the very same thing that our forefathers said in '76 of the King of England: 'He has created a multitude of new offices and sent hither swarms of officers to harass our people and eat out their substance."

"Have we in 1925 lost the spirit of '76? If we have, then some future historian will write of us as Robinson and Brested's history has written of Rome, thus: 'The penalty of wealth seemed to be ruin, and there was no motive for success in business when such prosperity meant ruinous taxation. As the Roman Empire had already lost its prosperous farm class . . . so now it lost its enterprising and successful business men. Biscallian therefore tried to force these citizens to continue their occupations. He forbade any man to leave his lands or occupation, and even tried to make craftsmanship hereditary, by demanding that the sons follow in the occupations of their fathers. Thus the liberty for which men had striven so long disappeared in Europe and the once free Roman citizen had no independent life of his own. Even the citizen's wages and the prices of the goods they bought or sold, were, as far as possible, fixed by the government. The emperor's numerous officials, among them a regular organization of government agents, who were little better than spies, kept an eye on even the humblest citizen. In a word, the government now tried to regulate almost every interest in life, and wherever the citizen turned, he felt the irksome interference and oppression of the state. Staggering under his burden of taxes in a state which was practically bankrupt, the citizen now seemed like a mere cog in the machinery of the state. His whole life consisted of toil for the state."

"And Rome fell! "Cooperate to Solve Problem "What are the remedies? For the present generation, if it is co-operation among the great taxpayers interests of the states and of the nation. We must get together round the council table. We must forget our selfish interests, for the common interest of all is the great, overshadowing interest."

"We must find means to control debt. We must have an adequate balanced budget system for every taxing district. But we must remember that a balanced budget system means nothing, unless it is open to inspection, that citizens take an interest in it and see that it is paid to the bone. To accomplish this, the taxpayers of every taxing district must organize, must study their public business and see to it that all unnecessary expenditures are omitted from the budgets. Public business needs reorganization, coordination and a reduction of public officials to the actual needs of necessary administration."

"This speech of Mr. Dyer is interestingly attractive in its entirety, but I am going to ask you to insert the following quotation from this carefully prepared, clearly ex-

now stealing so much of the child's time. All these things will be done when the great organized interests of the nation and states so demand. Then the schools will be taken out of the hands of theorists, uplifters, communists, socialists and faddists. This is imperative of the country is to endure.

"We must organize to take the government out of business, and leave business to the individual. We must organize to prevent the spread of paternalism."

"Debt to Destroy Country "Those who wish to destroy our government know they cannot accomplish their purpose by sudden revolution. They are taking the slower and surer course of destruction by taxation and debt. Socialists, communists, paid uplifters and welfare workers are constantly on the job, sending out false, distorted and misleading statements, pulling at the heart strings of the public, to accomplish their ends. The leaders of these movements disguise themselves in the garments of "welfare" and "education," and are able thus to induce great groups of well meaning people to follow their leadership. The college, the school, the press, the forum, the pulpit, are all infested with them. The folks that follow their lead do not know that their leaders wish the confiscation of private property. These folks do not realize that "property and liberty" go hand in hand, and that the destruction of the private ownership of property means also the destruction of liberty."

"Because of liberty, men and women exercise self-control; by means of self-control they deny themselves; from self-denial comes economy; economy gives capital; this chain has built up this great country of ours, with its industry, its agriculture, its transportation, its commerce and its homes. The basis of all is liberty, and without the base the whole structure will fall.

"By reason of our great accumulation of productive wealth, we have schools, roads, protection and the opportunity for a logical life to enlist together. They produce and distribute the vital necessities of the nation. They are beginning to see the situation and realize its dangers. They know that they are at war, not with barbarians from without, but from within who wish who seek to tear down the nation.

"These words of Lincoln are as true today as when they were spoken: 'The war for the Union is the people's conflict to make certain whether there shall be preserved in the world the best and substance of government, the object of which is to remove the obstacles from the pathway of all, and to give to all an unfettered start and a fair chance in the race for life.'

"The legitimate function of government is to do for a community of people anything that they need to have done, but which they are unable to do for themselves, or cannot do so well in their separate and individual capacities. But in anything that the individual can do for himself, government ought never to interfere."

"These two utterances of the immortal Lincoln may well be taken as the platform upon which the great organized interests of the U. S. can stand and fight for the preservation of our Republic."

T. H. MCGREGOR.

Texas Poetess Has Signal Honor Given By British Society

Brownwood, Tex., April 21.—Mrs. Hill DeWolfe, better known in journalism as Genie Griffin DeWolfe, received an unique honor when a fellowship in the Poetry Society of England was offered her recently.

Mrs. DeWolfe explains that the membership was offered her through a sonnet on "Illusion" which she submitted in an International Poetry contest. Of course she accepted the offer and was duly elected to membership in this organization which has its headquarters in London.

Besides her verse—Mrs. DeWolfe placed some "big time" Journalism during last season while out with DeWolfe's Dike. She has had several big feature articles—sometimes of a page and a half including photographs—in the San Antonio Express. The Houston Chronicle and the Waco Times Herald have also used the product of some of her feature work gathered during her travels.

DeWolfe's Dixie—equipped originally for travel with Mr. DeWolfe in search of health has accomplished its intended purpose and she says her husband is fully recovered. He is working to improve a small farm on Lake Worth in Tarrant county. The daughter of the house, Hildagene, is in school at Fort Worth under her father's care.

Mrs. DeWolfe was accompanied here by her son, Clinton and his wife, who was Miss Laura Martin McCarty of Lamkin. Clinton is the equal partner in the picture show and is studying electrical engineering for which he shows great aptitude.

The elder son of this family chose a wife from Goldthwaite, Miss Ruyel Keesee.

Barry Miller Will Ask Re-election to Place He Now Fills

Dallas, Tex., April 21.—Barry Miller, lieutenant-governor of Texas, formally announced here that he would be a candidate for re-election in the coming primaries.

"My platform is very brief," Miller said. "I stand for the same things that I did in the last election, and my record of good faith kept with the people during the current term."

Miller said that he will carry on only a limited speech-making campaign.

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Industrial Engineer Says Texas Should Add 300 New Textile Mills in 10 Years

(By Burt C. Blanton in Dallas News) Consistent exploitation of Texas' potentialities for greater development and expansion of industry...

Austin Cunningham, Texas Press Writer Dies in Washington

Washington, April 21.—Austin Cunningham, former Washington correspondent of the San Antonio Express, died April 17, after a short illness, age 41.

Junior Red Cross News, another official publication of the organization and which he built to large proportions.

Immense Deposits of Guano Discovered in Cave Near Childress

Childress, Texas, April 17.—Immense deposits of guano are believed to have been located in Bat Cave near here.

Morse, Inventor of Telegraph in Early Life Was an Artist

"What Hath God Wrought?" This is the first message transmitted by electro-magnetic telegraph and was sent Friday, May 24, 1844, by the inventor, who made this record of the memorable happening.

Passage of Bill to Test State's Potash Deposits Causes Joy in West Texas

Fort Worth, Texas, April 21.—The West Texas Chamber of Commerce is much elated over the passage in the United States senate of the Sheppard potash bill, Homer D. Wade, assistant manager of the chamber, says.

Quarter of Nation's Seed Corn Worthless Recent Survey Shows

Practically one-quarter of the seed corn in the United States is worthless and will not germinate, according to a survey of the results of seed corn tests made over the entire nation.

64 Attend Birthday Party in Honor of J. H. Killingsworth

Belton, April 20.—The eighty-second birthday of Capt. J. H. Killingsworth of Prairie Dell was celebrated Sunday, April 18, when nine of his children, 30 grand children, five great grand children and a few of his close friends gathered at his home for a big birthday dinner.

Texas Pioneers Name Frank Bushick Again Head of Association

San Antonio, Tex., April 21.—Thirty minutes after she had fallen in a faint in the Municipal Auditorium where the Texas Pioneers' Association was holding its annual convention, Mrs. Alexander Boynton had revived and was able to accept election as a director of the association.

Fundamentalist Loser in Race for Mayor of Missouri

Clarence, Mo., April 21.—The voters of this little Missouri town went to the polls April 7 and signified by a majority to 110 that they do not believe in a literal interpretation of the Bible.

National Director Maternity Hygiene on Visit to Texas

Austin, Texas, April 21.—Blanche M. Haines, M. D., director of the division of maternity and infant hygiene of the United States Department of Labor, arrived in Austin last week to spend several days conferring with Dr. H. O. Sappington, state health officer, and the members of his organization engaged in the administration of maternity and infant welfare.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Ferguson Forum is authorized to announce the following candidates for the offices listed before their names, subject to the action of the democratic primaries to be held Saturday, July 24, 1926:

Tighter Treaty With England Planned to Stop Booze Traffic

Washington, April 19.—Coincident with the renewal of discussion of further agreements with Great Britain for curbing rum smuggling, another administrative measure was drawn up today to tighten the effectiveness of the present coast defense against contraband liquor.

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Women in Nighties Beat Officers Who Arrest a Fugitive

Texarkana, Tex., April 21.—Four Texas county deputy sheriffs met with resistance from an unexpected source when they sought to arrest an alleged fugitive from justice.

Dry Senator Views Pro Status Through Spectacles of Wet

Washington, April 19.—Chairman Harrell of the senate prohibition committee took a look at the liquor question today through the spectacles of Senator Reed of Missouri, the committee's wet prospector, and as a result the committee's hearings were completely disrupted for a quarter of an hour.

Gate Crasher Sends Cash for Admission Saved by 'Sneaking'

Dallas, Tex., April 21.—Because he "sneaked in" at the Texas State Fair five times more than 20 years ago, an Oklahoma City man has sent \$5.00 conscience money to the fair treasurer. He said half the money was for admissions and the other half interest.

Bearded Lady Orders Body Cremated So It Can't Be Exhibited

New York, April 21.—The shyness which Krao, ultra-feminine bearded lady of the sideshows, overcame for 30 years to turn misfortune into prosperity, held sway with her death.

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Some Letters To the Forum

Why He Is For the Fergusons.
 Editor Forum: I read in your paper where so many people are telling why they are for Ma and Pa. I am for them because Jim, when he was governor, was for Texas and the people and not for a favored few.

In fact they are the only governors Texas has had since Jim Hoag went out of office. We, the people, will put Ma in the run-off.

A. J. HILBURN,
 500 Bell Street, Big Spring, Texas.

Fergusons Old Guard Still Loyal
 Editor Forum: The Old Guard is still loyal. Although I never was much in favor of writing for the newspapers I always thought that one face to face talk was worth two letters at any time. While I am not writing much I am a good hustler. I will vote for Mrs. Ferguson and have always voted for the Fergusons.

Governor Ferguson has done everything she said she would do. It is not necessary to reiterate her loyalty to our government. She stated she had no desire to enter politics except for the vindication of her husband. She has achieved the greatest victory of any person who ever ran for the office of governor of our state and to the shame of our legislature they refused to grant Jim vindication. The attorney general has ruled that the amnesty bill is unconstitutional.

Farmer Jim always has espoused the cause of the laboring man and with the help of his good wife is making our state fit to live in. They are the charm and I think that their pictures should adorn the walls of every laboring man's home. Yes, we have got the best governor we have had for years and I just wanted her to know that we Ferguson men are all sitting steady in the boat. As Ma Ferguson has tossed her glove in the ring for a second term of office I want to say that she has enough children waiting to land her safe and as Ma said she went into the first race praying I am so much her friend I am praying too.

I am an old Confederate soldier 80 years of age.

J. W. CHERRY,
 Neches, Texas.

Deserves Second Term on Her Record
 Editor Forum: I never see anything said about Jim Ferguson finding the penal system away in the red, and when his enemies tried to disgrace him he left it more than a million dollars ahead of the game.

However this was spent in a little over a year, but at this time Ma Ferguson has it back ahead of the game, and all old state warrants cashed, and money available to cash all presentations.

Toting fair never hurt anyone and I believe in giving all a chance, regardless of whether it is a woman

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or man, and I for one am in favor of Ma Ferguson having the second term for I know she will give the governor's office just what it needed, fair and just, which is all that any honest person could do.

My name is Ferguson, but I'm not related to either Jim Ferguson or Governor Ma Ferguson. I am a democrat and believe in justice. I expect to vote for Ma Ferguson this coming election and trust all good democrats will do likewise.

JOHN E. FERGUSON,
 215 1/2 San Jacinto St. Houston, Tex.

Fergusons' Friends Not Disappointed.
 Editor Forum: This is to remind you that none of us (your friends) is disappointed in Jim and his good wife. They have come up to our every expectation. No men or family has as many or truer friends as the Fergusons. We are eagerly awaiting another opportunity to express our confidence in you by giving you or your good wife the largest vote that you have ever received in the state.

After it is over it will be Dinky Dan "also Ran." Daniel, at first we admired you, but since you have converted your office into a "political issue" will we just don't want any more of Jim Ferguson, virtually carried you into office, and you forthwith showed the "cloven hoof" by trying to discredit him and his good wife's efforts in behalf of the people. Ingratitude is the most detestable and damnable trait in humankind.

Wishing Jim and his good wife every success, I am,
 Now and always your friend,
 W. T. LEWIS,
 Deport, Texas.

Looks to Forum for Truth.
 Editor Forum: I am enclosing a dollar for Forum which I hope you will send at once. I am sure when it comes to me I will get the whole truth. I hear many remarks by way of criticism of the present administration coming almost entirely from the ranks of Buttesites and renegade democrats who voted for Butte, with a small bunch of Ku Klucks and those who sympathize with them who are too stingy to pay admission fee to join that miserable crowd. There is a standing reward here for just one genuine Ferguson man or woman who has supported Jim in his campaigns that will not do so again. However, there are a negligible few who voted for Mrs. Ferguson in preference to Butte that would now vote against either of them, as they never were at heart for them. These are they that read Carter's pitiful sheet.

Hurray for the best and purest governor Texas ever had, Miriam Ferguson. If the governor believes an extra session is needed let her call it. But if she does not believe it necessary then all honest people would say don't do it. She knows. The wagging of lying tongues has disgusted the devil.

Hurry up Forum.
 Your old Hardshell friend,
 P. D. AKINS,
 Trenton, Texas.

An Old Friend Comments
 Editor Forum: It seems a little strange that I should write you. However, I am and have been impressed to do this for some time to let you know how I feel toward you as our governor. I came to Wise county in the fall of 1874 when there were only a few families there. I have been a close observer of our progress. I have farmed all my life. I have watched the administration of our government and feel like you have been as good a governor for the poor laboring class as any governor could be. I was for Farmer Jim the first time he ran and have supported him ever since until Ma had to take his place and then I was for her and am yet all the way. I know what a certain clique is trying to do, but I don't believe there is a lady in Texas if let alone and allowed to vote her honest conviction but would vote for Mrs. Ferguson for governor and I am not uneasy for the truth can't be put down. It will rise again. So I say, stay with the truth. So when it goes well with you, remember.

W. M. REYNOLDS,
 Dallas, Texas, 725 Third Ave.

Wants to Keep Up With Fight.
 Editor Forum: Please find enclosed one dollar bill for which please send me the Ferguson Forum for I sure want to keep up with the fight and I know when you start the far will fly and I have never voted for a governor in my life but you and Ma and would not vote for Dan Moody at all since the K. K.'s have joined in with him. I don't think Dan has joined the Kluckers but I know that he did all I could for him but he has gone wrong.

D. H. JACKSON,
 Lott, Texas. R. 2, Box 77.

Osage Ferguson Club Intact.
 Editor Forum: Enclosed find list of subscribers and money to pay for same. I still have my list of one hundred and thirty-five members to the Ferguson club at Osage and have not lost one, but have gained some.

Dan Moody has done like Satterwhite, shot himself all to pieces. He has got too big for his breeches. He never lost a vote from my club last election. He will not get one of them this year that I know of. That is the way the land lies out our way. We are expecting to have the banner Ferguson vote in Texas at Osage.

R. V. CLEARMAN,
 Osage, Texas.

Thinks Mrs. Ferguson Will Win.
 Editor Forum: I will soon be 74 years old. I have been in Texas all of my life. I think I can say and tell the truth that Mr. Ferguson has made as good

governor as Texas ever had. Now why not keep his good wife? The reason why is you can't help yourself. I believe there is not a man or woman in Texas that can beat her. She has done everything she has promised to do just as far and fast as she can. I don't see how you could expect her to straighten everything up in one year's time, that you money-eating fellows have been tearing down for the last twenty years.

Now, Mr. Moody, you had better have held the job you have. You will be knocked out of a job now. Mrs. Ferguson will get more votes this election than she got last. She is gaining votes all the time. She will get 25 more votes here at this little box than she got in 1924. People are beginning to get their eyes open.

D. M. SHUGART,
 Eden, Texas.

Wants Facts, So He Reads Forum.
 Editor Forum: Please find enclosed \$1.00 for the Forum so I can get the facts in the governor's race.

R. W. BARR,
 Barnhart, Texas.

Hamiltonism and Jeffersonism.
 Editor Forum: For a time at the close of the Revolutionary war of 1776 it was fondly supposed that the age-long issue of the Rule of Kings and the Rule of the People had been settled in favor of the Rule of the People. However, when in 1787 a convention met to crystallize into constitutional law the democratic sentiments expressed in the Declaration of Independence we find that the "King Rule" forces under the leadership of Hamilton made a serious endeavor to renege itself in power. Hamilton opened the battle on the floor of said convention in a two days' speech in which he declared that the kingly government of Great Britain was the best in the world and emphatically declared, "I seriously doubt if any other kind of government than that of limited monarchy will succeed in America."

and in keeping with the intention the journal of said convention showed that Hamilton and his followers made continual effort to bar the people from exercising political power. The journal of said convention teemed with so many laudations of "King Rule" and so many denunciations of the Rule of the People, that it was feared that if published that the people would refuse to ratify the Constitution. Hence, a motion was made to burn said journal—however, it was feared that this would irritate the convention itself and it was voted to file said journal among the secret archives of the government where it lay buried until that grand old democrat, Andrew Jackson, got a democratic congress to publish it as a warning to the people. The constitution itself and it was voted to file said journal among the secret archives of the government where it lay buried until that grand old democrat, Andrew Jackson, got a democratic congress to publish it as a warning to the people.

The deadly power of King Rule was so serious that all vigilance should be used to prevent the liberties of the people in government affairs being eliminated which at that time the national bank power was endeavoring to do in the financial department of the government.

To show how unblushingly the Hamiltonian members favored the elimination of the people from all political power, Roger Sherman, a Hamiltonian from Connecticut, on the floor of said convention said, "I oppose the election of members of the national congress by the people. The people should have as little to do as may be about government."

A Hamiltonian member from Delaware, Dickson, said, "I consider a limited monarchy as one of the best governments in the world."

Some of the measures got through said convention, such as having federal judges not elected by the people and to hold their offices for life, and the case of Mason and Randolph and his co-delegate, Mason of Virginia, to refuse to sign said Constitution, saying that this judgeship provision was a species of King Rule, and hence they refused to sign said Constitution.

Strange to say, that during the coming state election in Texas there will be a renewal of the fight between Hamiltonism that favors the elimination of power from the people, and Jeffersonian democracy that declares, as do Magna Charta of Liberty, that all political power is inherent in and should be forever unalienated from the people.

With the favor of the Ferguson Forum, that is esteemed as a Jeffersonian democrat paper, I will in a succeeding article show the particulars of the contest now at hand in Texas between Hamiltonianism of the few, and Jeffersonianism of the people. I do this in view of the truth that "Eternal vigilance is the price of Liberty."

THOS. B. KING,
 Stephenville, Texas.

Favors Better Pay for State Officers.
 Editor Forum: Mr. Voter of this great state, one of the largest in the richest in the union, don't you think our governor and our state treasurer get a measly sum? I do. Of course we have had some governors who ought to have paid the state to let them be in the office and then we would be loser. But on an average I think it is a shame for a state as big and rich as Texas not to pay more. I think Texas should pay \$10,000.00 per year for governor and \$5,000.00 for state treasurer. Now don't you?

I am no lawyer and don't know how this is done, whether by the legislature or by a vote of the people, but I do believe that if put to a vote it would carry by a good majority. Why, lots of our preachers draw \$4,000.00 and \$5,000.00 per year and plenty of lawyers get more for much less service. Of course the honor of being governor is worth something, but not as much as they are paying. If we could be lucky enough to get governors like the Fergusons it would save the state thousands of dollars more than the difference of salary.

J. T. GOTCHER,
 San Angelo, Texas.

Puts Question to Howlers.
 Editor Forum: Much is being said through the papers about our lady governor turning loose so many convicts. I would like to say a few things in regard to same. I will ask the ones who are howling loudest if they realize just what it means to be

friendless? If they realize just how hard it is for a man to be separated from his wife and babies? If the most of their howling is not merely popping off because they are against the Fergusons? I am proud that we have a governor that has a heart and a feeling for the unfortunate convicts who are tolling their lives away, friendless, despondent and barred from civilization and don't forget, you lickers, before you shoot your arrow, the road we all should travel is plain but "very narrow." Don't be too quick to ensure the things that others do. Just remember none are perfect and good ones are few.

J. H. TAYLOR,
 Lockhart, Texas. R. 5, Box 107.

Approves Governor's Pardon Record.
 Editor Forum: Sometime ago there appeared in the Hillsboro Mirror an article from J. M. Rogers, entitled "Opposed to Pardons," and I desire to make this reply:

Mr. Rogers says he was born in Alabama and all of these years only for good, clean men. I will state to Mr. Rogers that I am from Alabama myself and I have got my first man to see yet that is three-score and ten years old and has never made a mistake.

Next he says, "I am a democrat and believe in the laws of Texas." Mr. Rogers, did you vote for the democratic nominee last November? I will ask Mr. Rogers to point out one law that Ma has failed to uphold.

Next he says, "I can't understand why we allow any one person the power to set aside what our courts have done and turn criminals loose." I will say to Mr. Rogers that our laws were founded on the sacred principles of the Bible and I would admonish him to read it more.

Next Mr. Rogers says: "I don't believe in pardons under any circumstances." Mr. Rogers, you are surprised at Mr. Rogers for not believing in the Pardoning Power, from the tone of his letter he belongs to that organization that kicked Jesus Christ out at the back door for being a Jew.

Next he says: "You know they have been turned loose to come back and in nine cases out of ten these fellows will go on again with their dirty work as before." Further on he says: "I think the court and jury know more about a case than any one else." Now, Mr. Rogers, you are surprised at Mr. Rogers for not believing in your specks of love and mercy and you will see in many cases where the judge, jury and the prosecuting attorney and many good citizens all have asked for pardon. Now, Mr. Rogers, there will be no more of this kind of talk and after for this run is sure to get you now I will ask you, Mr. Rogers, to point out specifically two or even three per cent of the convicts that Ma Ferguson has pardoned that have been arrested and jailed. I say you can't do it.

Mr. Rogers closes by saying these criminals will never be made better by the law, but only by the grace of God. That is what Ma Ferguson is teaching by giving these convicts their freedom, after they have showed by their good record a good report.

JNO. C. GUNN,
 Hillsboro, Texas.

Kind Words from a Little Girl.
 Editor Forum: I am writing you to let you know that a little girl is for you and Jim, just as strong, and if anything more, determined than ever to stay with you. I think Ma has made a good governor and we want Ma to have the second term, as has been the custom of the democratic party. We see and are enjoying some of Ma's administration. Do the people of Texas realize what that has saved them the last twelve months? Before she became governor there were mask and tar parties all over Texas. I have not heard of any of the last year.

What would have been the situation of Texas today if Butte or Felix Robertson had been elected? Just think it over and see if you can imagine what the conditions would be. I think Texas is in a better shape now than it was a year ago. It seems that the Fergusons are the only ones that can run that penitentiary and pay back debts and get it on a cash basis again. Now Dan says Ferguson and Lynch Davidson are together, so that being the case, look out Dan. Now, Dan, after the 24th of July and the battle is over and you become calm and cool look back and see where you allowed the enemies of the Fer-

South Carolina Lady Takes Cardui for Annoying Symptoms and Finds It a Help.
 Salisbury, N. C.—"I suffered with severe pains across my back and sides," says Mrs. William M. Sanders, 1500 South Main Street, this city. "These caused me considerable annoyance. I hated to complain, but I grew no better. They (the pains) would come and go, but at times I suffered pretty bad. I was thin and pale and could not eat."

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E. A. RILEY,
 Anson, Texas. R. B.

Woman Kidnaped in Chicago By Negroes Rescued By Police

Chicago, Ill., April 21.—Held prisoner ten days, Mrs. Marjorie Waller of Phoenix, Ariz., was rescued here by the police.

A negro, two negro women and one white woman were arrested. Mr. and Mrs. Waller said they were kidnaped April 8 when inquiring the way to Hammond, Ind., en route to their farm in Michigan.

Taken to an apartment, they were given drugged drinks for a "protection from the cold." Mrs. Waller was made a prisoner and the husband was taken to a prairie and left unconscious. Recovering, Waller started a search for his wife.

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The order resulted from the adoption of resolutions offered by Commissioner H. W. Sayle, elected chairman of the Prison Commission following the recent death of Col. J. A. Herring. It was the first official act of Commissioner Sayle as chairman.

The resolutions also place a ban against persons under the influence of liquor from entering the death chamber and all persons, except prison employes, will be searched before entering the penitentiary.

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