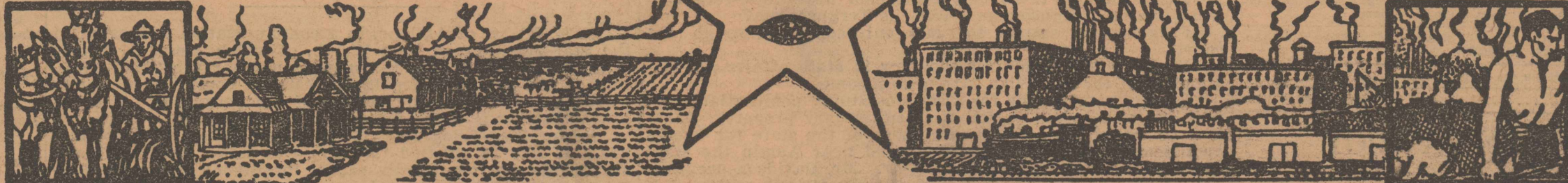


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Veteran Who Served Under McCulloch Advises to Adopt Role of I amer

Editor Forum:

You will find enclosed check please keep the Forum coming. I can't afford to pay. I see in my last copy of May 27th quite a number of Confederate soldiers' names whose hearts are in the cause. I think I would commit a great sin if I did not place my name placed on the list with them. I was one of the Texas Volunteers of the Confederate army. I belonged to Capt. M. M. Boggess' company, H. E. McCulloch's First Texas Cavalry. I served my country from the 20th of April, 1861, until the 20th of April, 1862, on the frontier of Texas. On the 20th of April, 1861, we were mustered into the Confederate army for twelve months. After serving the twelve months we were mustered out of service at Fredericksburg, Texas, so we came back home and our Capt. M. M. Boggess was commissioned to raise an independent company and we all joined his company again. So we were then ordered to Little Rock, Ark. After we got there we were attached to Morgan's battalion and served with it until the close of the war in 1865.

I don't suppose there was a man that belonged to Morgan's battalion that did not know me. I was in my 17th year when I went in the army and very small to my age. I only weighed 107 pounds. I had one of the finest horses that was in the Confederate service. I was one of the dispatch bearers for the battalion. I will be eighty-three years old on the 7th day of August. There are only three of us low living, myself, John Wood and Bill Harris. John Wood lives in Graham, Young county, Bill Harris lives in Corpus Christi, I think. Please send them a copy of the Forum if they are not subscribers.

I am very feeble. I have about lost the use of myself from my waist down and also my left hand, so I am not expecting to be here much longer, but I do hope to see you and your dear wife continue to hold any office you ask for because I know you are the right kind of goods.

Well, as I have told you where I started and where I stopped I will now give you a sketch of how I stand politically. I am bitterly opposed to prohibition and woman's suffrage, but under the circumstances we have got it on us and we will have to do the best we can.

I am for Ma first, last and all the time. I know that she has got an advisor that I have all confidence in and one who has got the backbone to let you hear from him when you get off the track. Now, in regard to Dan, I think he ought to pull out of the race as he claims to be a democrat. A man cannot serve two masters, much less three. I see where he's endorsed by the Monkey Baptists, also the K. K. K.'s and Butteites. My opinion is he will be the hind end at the primary on the 24th of July. I think Dan a brave man but to make a success of any occupation one has to be trained to be on the job.

If I was Dan to redeem his war record I would secretly put on a mask and all the paraphernalia that my supporters have left and I would land myself in Africa and get me a job of taming lions. I believe if Dan would get this job he could get to be president of the United States if he made a success, which I know he could because it is very simple to learn to be a lion tamer. You can learn at your own home before you leave here. All you have to do to tame lions when you get to Africa and rest up, you go out amongst the jungles and in walking around a little you will walk up on the lion asleep and when you do you just stand still and keep your eyes, both of them, on the lion. After a short stop the lion will wake up and when he sees you he will begin to circle around you and every circle he makes he will get nearer and nearer to you and finally he will get so close you can put your hands on him. Now, Dan, if you can stand this without flinching you don't have to ask for nothing, it will come to you.

Well, I am not a politician, only a voter. I have always carried the box where I live for the friends I had running for office and I expect to keep it up as long as I am able to look after that end of the rope.

Garrison, Texas.

J. W. BELL.

Six Names on Ticket For Governor Report of Chairman Reveals

Hamilton, Texas, June 8.—Six applications for places on the ballot as democratic candidates for governor had been received by Arthur Eldson, chairman of the state democratic executive committee, here Tuesday afternoon. Monday was the last day for filing names for state office, but names sent in by registered letter put in the mails Monday must be accepted as complying with regulations.

There are also six candidates for Attorney General.

Those filing for places on the ballot as announced by Mr. Eldson are:

For Governor—Lynch Davidson of Houston, Governor Miriam A. Ferguson of Austin, Dan Moody of Austin, Mrs. Edith Wilhams of Dallas, Mrs. T. K. Johnson of San Antonio, the Rev. C. F. Zimmerman of Naples.

For Lieutenant Governor—Barry Miller of Dallas, Edwin R. York of Austin.

For Railroad Commissioner—C. V. Terrell of Decatur, Charles E. Baughman of Brownwood, Robert E. Spear of Dallas.

For Land Commissioner—J. T. Robison of Daingerfield, P. D. Terrell of Mount Pleasant.

For Superintendent of Public Instruction—S. M. N. Marrs of Austin, J. A. Humphries of Hockley, W. W. Bennett of Center.

For Attorney General—Claude Pollard of Houston, T. K. Irwin of Dallas, John W. Hornsby of Austin, James V. Allred of Wichita Falls, Charles L. Brachfield of Henderson, Thomas G. Christopher of Dallas.

For State Treasurer—George G. Garrett of Dallas, J. R. Ball of Bonham, W. Gregory Hatcher of Dal-

las, Grover Cleveland Harris of Dallas, G. E. Johnson of Anson.

For Comptroller—S. H. Terrell of West.

For Commissioner of Agriculture—George E. Terrell of Austin, T. R. Bollin of Daingerfield.

For Court of Criminal Appeals—Lee P. Pierson of Dallas, F. L. Hawkins of Waxahachie.

For Associate Justice Supreme Court—Judge William Pierson.

Dan's Bride Quits Going to Hear Her Husband's Speeches

(From San Antonio Light, May 31, 1926)

Dallas, Tex., May 31.—"I positively will not attend any more of Dan's speech gatherings in his campaign," Mrs. Dan Moody declared while in Dallas recently.

The recent bride of the attorney general declared that her husband was conscious of her presence in an audience and that, whether he admitted it or not, she knew it would be best for her to stay away.

Porter Whaley Heads San Antonio C. of C. at \$10,000 Per Year

San Antonio, Tex., June 8.—Porter Whaley has resigned as general manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce and accepted an offer as general manager of the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce. Announcement to this effect here last night disclosed Mr. Whaley's salary in his new post will be \$10,000 for an indeterminate period. He rejected a contract, telling the chamber if his services were satisfactory "you can keep me, if not you should be free to change at your pleasure."

ON THE ROAD

The governor opened her campaign at Sulphur Springs on May 22 and there was 25,000 people attending the occasion. There has never before been another such political meeting in Texas.

I could call by their first names 36 friends from 36 different counties. There were farmers, lawyers and doctors from all over Northeast Texas, and others from as far south as Houston and San Antonio.

This meeting was an eye-opener to the crowd who have inaugurated a hate campaign in Texas. I do not believe there would have been one-third of the number present, if the people from all that section had not felt that they ought to improve their first opportunity to register their supreme contempt for the crowd who have no other purpose in mind than to continue a persecution of one man after he has become a private citizen.

Following Sulphur Springs the governor jumped clear across the state to San Antonio and 7,000 people, even admitted by the San Antonio Express, unfriendly to Ferguson, came out and cheered to the echo the appearance of the governor.

Our friends in San Antonio under the direction of Arthur Seeligson, one of the really big men of the state, say that the governor will carry Bexar county by at least 5,000 majority over all opposition. From my acquaintance with the conditions I am sure this estimate is correct.

The next after the San Antonio date was Beaumont where I spoke in Weiss Park to over 5,000 people. I was introduced by my life long friend, Will Gordon, and the crowd went wild when he said that Moody had said nothing, proposed nothing and was nothing.

Every information coming to me is that Moody has failed absolutely to inspire his friends with any confidence in his ability.

Anybody can announce for governor, but you sure have to offer some logical necessity, present or prospective, before the people will even get interested in anybody.

Moody is in reality a weakling and as the campaign grows older this fact is becoming more evident and is being admitted privately by Moody's friends. There were delegations at Beaumont from adjoining counties. Dick Johnson and Byron Simmons brought 100 people from Orange. W. E. Adams brought 50 from Tyler county and Senator Fairchild had 50 friends from Angelina county, and Ben Hooks was there with 100 friends from Hardin county.

From Beaumont I went to Houston and spoke in the City Auditorium to 8,000 people. There is a crowd in Houston in the employ of two accidental millionaires who always try to break up my meetings in Houston. They tried it this time just like they tried it four years ago and they blowed up just like they did then.

The governor lost Harris county by 6,000 votes two years ago—but mark my prediction, she will carry it this year. The people of Harris county have made up their minds that they are no longer going to be controlled in their politics by men who have nothing to recommend them, save that they got rich by accident.

Will Hogg and Ross Sterling, the two newly rich accidents, would not have as much influence in politics as a colored preacher if it was not for their money. High minded people are resenting this and there is a revolution of sentiment, led by Mayor Holcombe, who is supporting the governor, that will make an emphatic showing in the July primaries against continuation of money bag politics.

From Houston I went to Yoakum in DeWitt and Lavaca counties. We had 7,500 people to the meeting in the City park.

Henry Paulus is one of the bright young men of Texas. He is an organizer of wonderful ability and energy. Senator John Bailey was there and made an able defense of the governor's administration and Senator Gus Russek was there and made another good speech.

Russek's friends are wild about him and say they are going to put him in congress. He is capable to make not only a congressman, but would make a good governor.

My old time friend, Will Bagby, was there and made one of his usual fine speeches for Ferguson and got the grapes as usual.

Out of 10,000 votes in DeWitt and Lavaca counties, the governor will get 8,000 and Lynch Davidson will get 1,500 and Moody will get 500, maybe. The people there say that the attempt to fool them and deliver them with Colquitt is ridiculous indeed. Colquitt is no longer a political asset, but he has become a load for anybody to carry.

It was a wonderful crowd of 4,000 people that came out at Corpus Christi to hear me. I was introduced by a prominent farmer who in a mighty few words said that Moody might be a good lawyer, and Davidson

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Houston Lady in Vigorous But Refined Words Brands Heckling Mob as Ruffians

Those accidental millionaires at Houston whose henchmen tried to heckle Jim Ferguson when he spoke in the auditorium at Houston June 3 have been rewarded by one of the most stinging rebukes ever written. The rebuke is written by a lady of refinement and gentility, 65 years old, who with an older companion attended the meeting to see the governor of Texas and hear her husband. Her feelings and sensibilities were outraged by the ruffianly conduct of the bunch of hecklers and in a communication addressed to Mefo of the Houston Chronicle she expresses her sentiments and proclaims that she will not vote for Moody. Here is the letter as published in the Houston Chronicle:

"My Dear Mefo: This is the first letter I ever wrote in my life to a newspaper. I am an old lady, past 65 years, and have taken The Chronicle every day since I came to Houston 10 years ago, and enjoyed the paper and your column and have followed your ideas strictly and I wanted to follow your lead and vote for Dan Moody. I attended the Ferguson meeting Thursday night for the purpose of seeing our Texas governor. I went there with another lady some years older than I. So we met the Dan Moody supporters for the first time, and I hope God in his mercy will spare me from ever listening to such ruffians again. They were like every kind of wild animal you could mention. Some times I would think I was in the midst of a pack of angry wolves, and again it was like roaring lions, and again mad bulls. Of course, they may not have realized the terrible sounds they were making, but to old people like us it was nerve-racking. All night long in my sleep, I heard those animal sounds. So my vote can not go to Dan Moody. They forgot in their hate for one human being that they were supposed to be gentlemen. They forgot that there were ladies, old and young, in the audience, and little children. They turned the crowded hall into a bed-lum much worse than the Klan did several years back.

Sincerely,

"MRS. AGNES MILLER,

"Houston, Texas."

Klan Leader Whose Bomb Killed Three Gets Life Penalty

Muskegon, Mich.—Bomb experts, postal inspectors and state and county officials in Blue Lake township collected evidence with which the state convicted Asa K. Bartlett, 28, constable and Ku Klux Klan leader, of mailing the bomb which caused the death of August Krubaach, his daughter, Jeannette, 18, and William R. Franke, 22, of Chicago. Bartlett was given a life term in prison, the limit of penalty for a capital crime in Michigan.

Prosecutor R. Glen Dunn had Bartlett arraigned on a warrant charging murder in the first degree. "If you can prove I purchased address stickers for parcels at the Montague postoffice, May 26, I will tell you the entire story," Bartlett said to the prosecutor. And Prosecutor Dunn had the proof, two wom-

an clerks at the postoffice who know Bartlett well, having sold the stickers.

"Bartlett admitted being in Muskegon at the hour the bomb package was mailed at the local office," Mr. Dunn said. "The handwriting on the label is the same as that of Bartlett. We have a gunstock with a trigger gone. The trigger found in the lungs of Mr. Krubaach and which was used to discharge the bomb fits the gun."

"Then Bartlett obtained the address of Charles W. Green, son-in-law of Mr. Krubaach, previous to the election in April. The Greens resided at 1000 Reynolds street, Muskegon Heights, but moved April 15. The name C. Green, 1000 Reynolds street, Muskegon Heights, was given as the return address on the package."

"Bartlett is an expert in explosives and he told the prosecutor that he was the only man in Blue Lake township who could make a bomb." He is a blacksmith and an expert mechanic.

FERGUSON SPEAKING DATES

Cleburne	Thursday, June 10, 3 P. M.
Arlington	Thursday, June 10, 8 P. M.
Waco	Friday, June 11, 8 P. M.
Hillsboro	Saturday, June 12, 3 P. M.
Corsicana	Saturday, June 12, 8 P. M.
Vernon	Monday, June 14, 3 P. M.
Wichita Falls	Tuesday, June 15, 8 P. M.
Sweetwater	Wednesday, June 16, 3 P. M.
Midland	Thursday, June 17, 3 P. M.
Abilene	Friday, June 18, 8 P. M.
Cisco	Saturday, June 19, 3 P. M.
Rockdale	Tuesday, June 22, 3 P. M.
Marquez	Wednesday, June 23, 3 P. M.
Jacksonville	Thursday, June 24, 3 P. M.
Tyler	Friday, June 25, 8 P. M.
Marshall	Saturday, June 26, 8 P. M.
Linden	Monday, June 28, 3 P. M.
Clarksville	Tuesday, June 29, 3 P. M.
Paris	Tuesday, June 29, 8 P. M.
Bonham	Wednesday, June 30, 3 P. M.
Farmersville	Thursday, July 1, 3 P. M.
Denton	Friday, July 2, 3 P. M.
Weatherford	Saturday, July 3, 3 P. M.
Plum	Monday, July 5, 3 P. M.
Brenham	Tuesday, July 6, 11 A. M.
Livingston	Wednesday, July 7, 3 P. M.
Lufkin	Thursday, July 8, 3 P. M.
Nacogdoches	Friday, July 9, 3 P. M.
Center	Saturday, July 10, 3 P. M.
Henderson	Monday, July 12, 3 P. M.
Brownwood	Wednesday, July 14, 3 P. M.
Ballinger	Thursday, July 15, 3 P. M.
San Angelo	Friday, July 16, 3 P. M.
Stephenville	Saturday, July 17, 3 P. M.
Fort Worth	Tuesday, July 20, 8 P. M.
Dallas	Wednesday, July 21, 8 P. M.
Waxahachie	Thursday, July 22, 3 P. M.
Austin	Friday, July 23, 8 P. M.

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A TRUE WOMAN PATRIOT

A stinging rebuke has been administered by a noble Texas woman patriot, member of a prominent woman's organization, to Mrs. Jane Y. McCallum, of Austin, chairman of the "Texas Woman Citizens' Committee, Dan Moody for Governor."

Chairman McCallum indulges in assertions that the state is in peril and the answer given her by the Denton woman ought to assure her that she is needlessly alarmed and that the patriotic women of Texas, as in the pioneer days, will help the cause of right and justice and support that administration which is best for the whole people of the state.

"Even so, I am still supporting 'Ma,' and I consider myself a true patriot. I know I love my country, my country's flag and the Lone Star State of Texas too much to vote for Dan Moody."

TEXAS NEEDS NO SUCH MOSES AS DAN

The Fayette County Record in an editorial discussion of Dan Moody and his failure to tell whether or not he is catering to klan support tells several things which indicate, so far as its editor is concerned, that Dan is the Man, for the Klan. After reciting that known kluckers in Fayette county are supporting Dan the Record goes into a discussion of Texas traditions and the custom of giving a second term to governors who have served well.

"Today, less than a year and a half from the inauguration, the penitentiary is out of debt, has some cash on hand; the state has more ready cash than at any time in its history at this time of the year, the exact amount on June 1 being \$17,266,206.00 in actual cash. This, too, despite the fact that appropriations were cut under the Ferguson administration \$10,000,000.00."

DALLAS NEWS IS CENSURED

As a rebuke to the unfairness of the Dallas Morning News in its political reports J. W. Spurlock of Waxahachie, has notified that newspaper that he will no longer subscribe for it or read it. The News replies that it has received similar censure from persons who have charged it with giving the Fergusons too much of its space but there are many who, like Mr. Spurlock, have failed to find in its columns daily reports of the Ferguson campaign while the speeches of other candidates have been given liberal space.

I have been reading your paper now for twenty years and have been well pleased up until the last year. You can no longer expect my subscription. I will give you my reasons for quitting your paper, as I want you to know. Since this last announcement I notice that you just have one side of the question. Abraham Lincoln said one time that a fair-minded man would read both sides of a question, but a fool would not read but one. How could I read both sides unless you publish it? I see in the paper all of Dan Moody's speeches and his picture, but I don't hear a word about Ferguson.

"No man who takes hate as his platform can ever win or succeed in administration," says the Cameron Herald, in commenting upon the campaign for governor in Texas. Hate and hate alone is the Moody platform.

The decision of Governor Ferguson not to call the legislature in special session until after the primaries meets with general approval. The Granbury News agrees with the governor that no effective legislation could be accomplished by a session during the campaign. The News says: "Gov. Ferguson declines to call the legislature into session until after the primaries, and we believe that she is exactly right. With politics at fever heat, very little business matter would be seriously considered, and such a session would develop into a sparring match between the friends of the various candidates for governor and other offices. Texas is not going to the demdition bow-wows because of the bond business, and possibly the mess we are now in may call a halt in the voting of bonds for every conceivable purpose."

The Ku Klux Klan has obtained permission to stage a parade and open air meeting in Galveston July 17. The parade will be staged on the Boulevard in the evening and the klan officials who applied for the permit told the Galveston officials that there will be 50,000 klansmen in attendance. Perhaps there will be that many but if there should be that "reunion" will exceed any that yet has been held. But then klansmen are accustomed to exaggerations in estimating the size of their crowds. Of course Hi Evans will be there and probably will repeat that talk he made at Abilene: "We will shake hands with ourselves when he gets there." He referred to the governor's campaign, but his handshake is in the far distant future because "He" won't get there this year.

THE FERGUSONISM MOODY WOULD ABOLISH

Editor Forum: Moody and Davidson are determined, so they say, to smash Fergusonism and these two gentlemen have followers who want to swat Fergusonism. What is Fergusonism? Fergusonism stands for law enforcement through the courts.

Fergusonism stands for economy in state affairs and demands that the state live within its income. Fergusonism stands for a self sustaining penitentiary system, but will refuse to sell the penitentiary property, which if done would place a tax on citizens of the state for twelve or fifteen million dollars. If located near Austin the state would lose one to two million a year. Mr. Davidson proposed (so quoted) to lend (underwrite) the pen for one million dollars. No doubt he would. The lumber men, and oil men would like to buy the land. Lynch could buy it, cut the timber, sell it at a profit and have the young timber and land free. The farms located as they are, are likely to be oil producing lands. These lands are the best in the state. For that reason, if for no other, Mr. Davidson ought not to be governor.

Fergusonism stands for the search and seizure law, which protects citizens against intrusion of their homes by unscrupulous officers and men (hijackers) claiming to be officers. Fergusonism stands for the anti-mask law. Fergusonism stands for better schools and longer terms. Fergusonism insists that all laws be enforced alike with the poor and rich and that justice and mercy be a guide for all classes.

What say the patriotic democrats of Texas? LEA BEATY.

Lockhart, Texas.

HALF-BAKED POLITICIANS WILL NOT SWAY TEXAS VOTERS

The Palo Pinto Star reviews the achievements of the Ferguson administration and says the voters of Texas will not be stampeded away from the governor's standard by half-baked politicians. The Star adds: "The men and women voters of this state are not going to rush blindly to the polls and vote against their governor for a second term, who has given them an honest and economic administration of the affairs of state, just because some of their neighbors and a few half-baked politicians yell 'down with Fergusonism.' We believe Mrs. Ferguson has made a good showing and for that reason we favor giving her a second term according to precedent that has not been broken in over fifty years."

GOVERNOR FERGUSON WILL LEAD THE TICKET

This is the prediction of the Cameron Herald in an editorial discussion of the campaign for governor, but the klan element, says the Cameron Herald, will bolt as before, regardless of the pledge. The Herald says: "Mrs. Ferguson will lead the ticket. She will win the nomination. But, we are to have a repetition of the political estrangement experienced in 1924. When Mrs. Ferguson is nominated a large block of the Moody and Davidson support, as represented by the klan, will not support her in the general election. It is no longer a speculation. The democratic party must face the issue. Shall the pledge any longer be respected or bind party members, or have we hit upon a new era of general infidelity to the party which recognizes only free politics?"

Yes, Tom Love already has served notice that he and his kind propose to go into the democratic primaries, accept the pledge and if their candidate is defeated, they will bolt. The Cameron editor says his judgment is that if good and faithful service has been given he believes in giving two terms to a governor or other office holder. "In that case," he concludes, "we are for Mrs. Ferguson. 'One good term deserves another.'"

FLOWERS FROM THE OPPOSITION

(From Temple Daily Telegram, June 6, 1926) An article in the last issue of the Williamson County Sun, published at Georgetown, concerning a Temple man, F. L. Denison, will be appreciated by Mr. Denison's friends here and over the state, especially in view of the fact that the Williamson county paper, of Dan Moody's same county, is a very ardent supporter of Mr. Moody, and, therefore, is equally strong against the present state administration. Nevertheless, that newspaper is fair enough to give credit where credit is due, which it does in very flattering terms when speaking of the excellent work and service performed in that county by F. L. Denison in the capacity of maintenance contractor under the present highway department.

The Sun's article follows: "Mr. Joe N. May, county road supervisor for maintenance of the state highways in Williamson county working for Mr. F. L. Denison of Temple, maintenance contractor for several central Texas counties, has retired from this work, the contract with the state having expired. At this time it is stated the state may take over the maintenance of highways beginning June 15, as all contracts in the state will have expired by that date. During the service of Mr. May under Mr. Denison the state highways in this county have been declared more satisfactorily maintained than in any county in the state. Mr. Denison having spared nothing in effort or expense to comply with every need of the roads in the county. There are 145 miles of state highway in Williamson county which with the exception of less than ten miles are A-1 roads and open for travel in all kinds of weather. If all contractors in the state had maintained their roads as Mr. Denison has done in this district the policy of contracting maintenance of the highways would have been a most successful one. His work has been an outstanding success in Williamson county."

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Some 17,000 bills have been introduced in the present congress in a session of 134 days, the daily press reports tell us. One congressman has introduced 199 and a senator has sponsored 309. Out of all this vast number only 378 had been enacted into law up to a few days ago. Is it any wonder that in the multiplicity of laws the citizen is enmeshed?

The Forum is in receipt of a letter from L. W. McDonald, of Turnersville, Texas, in which Mr. McDonald answers Moody's appeal to him for support in his gubernatorial candidacy by saying to Dan: "No, I have lost confidence in you as a lawyer when the highway commission was refused a hearing in court. I lost confidence again in you as an economist when you asked a raise in salaries for your department, if that be true, and I see no denial from you. No, Dan, I would not go on a deer hunt with the bunch that is backing you, much less vote with them. You can get your vote in this county (Coryell) from the chief mogul of the K. K. K. All that I know are strong for you. Goodbye Dan, I am for Ma, the best governor Texas has ever had." The sentiments expressed by Mr. McDonald are in harmony with scores of others to whom Moody has appealed for support.

Big Papers Are Denounced For Abuse and Falsehood Which Fill Their Columns

E. N. Kirby, of Abilene, in a communication addressed to the Star-Telegram of Fort Worth, of which Amon G. Carter is publisher, denounces in vigorous manner the "Mud-slinging" in the present campaign and in the course of his letter recites some of the achievements of the Fergusons. The following extract is taken from Mr. Kirby's letter:

Editor Star-Telegram: Your editorial in The Star-Telegram of May 28 entitled "Moody's One Issue" contains many statements you can hardly expect intelligent or semi-intelligent people to believe, and I could not believe you capable of making them had I not read them in your paper. In the second paragraph of the editorial, commenting on anti-Fergusonism, you make the bland statement that it means "opposition to a system that has brought Texas into disrepute—which has made this state the laughing stock of the nation and the world"—when the cold facts are that Texas today stands in the forefront of all the states, and many, very many, of the best citizens of the other states, attracted solely by the progress and prowess of Texas, are flocking into Texas in greater numbers than ever before.

The facts are that no state in the Union, and no country under the shining sun furnishes a better place in which to live and rear one's family. No place under the shining sun furnishes such a field for success in honest endeavor, nor greater reward for service well performed. And the thing—the one thing only—that tends to bring Texas into disrepute, and to make of her the laughing stock of the world, as you express it, is the fact that the reputed intelligent citizenship of the state has permitted itself, out of pure, simple and unmitigated hate, to be led off and away from issues which should interest every thinking man and woman in the state, into a campaign of mudslinging—and I have to apologize to "mud" when I use it in this connection—and vilification and abuse, unparalleled in the history of the world. But, regardless of all this, Texas is moving on and will continue to move, without regard to Fergusonism or Moodyism, and the press of the state generally should crawl into a hole and pull the hole in after it for disgracing its columns with such stuff.

It's a damnable outrage, if you'll pardon such language, for any newspaper to devote the principal part of its columns to abusing anybody in political campaigns and an exercise of privileges that should be denied it by law. The idea of a respectable newspaper taking such advantage of anybody deserves the condemnation of all right thinking people. I have not a word to say against Moody, for I regard him as a young man of integrity and ability. Neither have I any criticism to make of the Fergusons, for to my mind the affairs of the state, as a whole, have been managed and conducted in a very creditable manner, and we have not had as good a governor since Jim Hogg's day as we have now. Everybody makes mistakes, sometimes. And regardless of what the big newspapers of the state say about "Jim and Ma" they have done more for the common people of the state and their children than all the governors who have gone before, and these people and their friends and sympathizers will not forget it soon.

The little white, red-top school houses and the stately brick and stone ones so noticeable throughout the length and breadth of this state attest the love and regard the Fergusons have held and still hold for these common folk, who are the salt of the earth, and youthful minds that have been trained therein will in future years develop into a citizenship that will be an everlasting monument to the memory of Jim Ferguson and his good wife, "Ma." To my mind, "Ma" has the best adviser that any governor will have, and with all Jim's enemies and hers, tugging eternally to fix some specific wilful and wrongful act upon them during "Ma's" tenure of office, they have most signally failed. And lots and lots of people believe honestly that the forces of the attorney general's office in Texas has centered its action upon "Jim and Ma" instead of locating the defects in the road district and other bonds, which could never have been issued without the approval of that office.

Insofar as Moody is concerned I am afraid "there's a nigger in the woodpile." Here in Abilene, avowed Ku Klux Klan are taking part in organizing "Moody clubs," thereby putting all Texas on notice that the Klan, the most damnable organization on the face of the earth, yesterday, today and all hereafter, is fighting to fix its ugly and un-American doctrine upon us. God forbid that it should ever come to pass. Cordially,

E. N. KIRBY.

Read the Forum and you will be informed as to what is going on in Texas politics.

When the Forum reaches a subscriber he drops other matters and sets about getting the truth.

Forum readers know what is going on in the Texas campaign and they do not have to depend upon prejudiced statements to learn what the politicians are doing.

There were 437 persons killed in Texas by automobiles in 1925. That is entirely too great a number of human beings to be sacrificed to the speed demon and the reckless driver.

Houston hecklers are dull. They ought to have learned several years ago that trying to heckle Jim Ferguson gets them nowhere and reacts against the plans of their millionaire employers.

Moody is calling up his reserve orators and a "Flying Squadron" of a dozen spell-binders is being sent out into the highways and byways to try to rustle votes for their favorite.

"We understand that a high state official is to resign about July 25, and the official's name ain't ma, either," is the way the Camp Wood Crony, Real county's only newspaper, views a recent political incident.

If the klan is not backing Moody why is it so many klansmen are officers and members of Moody clubs that are being organized? A man is known by the company with which he affiliates and Moody is keeping company with klansmen.

The people of Texas still remember Colquitt to their sorrow, according to the Kyle News, whose editor says that Oscar Budweiser's support of Moody is a handicap to Dan. "If Colquitt would keep his mouth shut and merely vote for Moody it would be all right," says the News, "but the people of Texas still remember him to their sorrow." Now wouldn't Dan be in a nice fix if his chief sponsor should desert him?

The Lynn County News says that what errors may have been made by Governor Ferguson in her pardon record have been on the side of mercy and the people of Texas are not going to be too hard upon her for that. The enemies of the Fergusons, says the News, are not drawing votes away from the governor by their raps at what they choose to call "Wholesale Pardoning."

A tax of three cents a gallon on gasoline, as proposed by Governor Miriam A. Ferguson, and opposed by Moody, who says he is against additional taxes, will add approximately \$15,000,000 to the revenues of Texas, if statistics given by experts are correct. These experts say that an average of 600 gallons of gasoline a year is consumed by each motor vehicle and on a basis of about 850,000 motor vehicles in the state that means more than 500,000,000 gallons of gasoline a year. Those who use the roads most should pay for their use.

FOR MA

Let us ravel Let us crave, for Ma, she's a dandy But the Ku Klux don't want her; they want a man whose Hair is more sandy.

I have an uncle who raves about Dan

I know the reason: 'Cause he's a cyclops or A gander in the klan.

People, I am no poet, and don't expect it. I am just simply writing it Because I know Ma'll be re-elected.

Now people if you'd come across And be on the level Moody talked Short yourselves that The klan is mean as the devil.

Dan needn't worry about Being in the race for If they are all like me They wouldn't vote after a look in his face.

If I go to Heaven and Find Moody there I'll tell St. Peter I don't think it's fair for on earth Moody talked. And injured his jaw trying to im-peach our best governor, Ma.

This is hoping that after The primaries in July We will wake up in the morning And find Ma still governor of our grand old state. MISS RUBY GOTT. Yoakum, Texas.

Men Make 450-Mile Auto Trip in Search for a Yellow Kitten

Warren, Ohio, June 8.—Two men from Atlanta, Indiana, were on their way home today after a futile 450 mile automobile trip here in search of a yellow cat.

The men obtained a search warrant here and with a justice of the peace searched the home of James E. Stillwell, but failed to find the cat. The men said Stillwell, during a visit to Atlanta, had admired the cat, and they thought he had taken it home with him. Stillwell said he had taken only a passing interest, and not the cat. He took the search philosophically.

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ON THE ROAD

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might be a good business man, but "we farmers want another farmer and that was why the farmers want Ma and Farmer Jim."

The governor will carry Nueces county by a safe majority.

The opposition to the governor will not carry 25 counties in Texas. If anybody tries to tell you otherwise just ask him to name the counties.

I am going into the Rio Grande Valley next week and I will write the boys another line next week and keep our friends posted each week until the campaign closes.

The majority for Ma is going to be big and I will let the boys know how much it will be by the week before the election.

They say I am getting old. But I want to say that I am feeling like a four year old in curly mesquite and I am "raring to go."

Good bye until next week,

JIM FERGUSON.

IF THAT BE FERGUSONISM, LET'S HAVE MORE OF IT!

In the Dallas Morning News of Saturday, June 5, 1926, appears a communication from R. A. McLarry, of McKinney, over which is the caption as given above. Mr. McLarry believes in the sort of Fergusonism the state has enjoyed under the administrations of James E. Ferguson and of his wife, the present governor, Miriam A. Ferguson, and he says in his communication:

I am 81 years old and have witnessed many bitter campaigns. I have observed that when a man runs for office solely upon the alleged demerits of his opponent that it is usually a case of a man with a beam in his own eye trying to probe for an imaginary mote in his opponent's eye.

While Mrs. Ferguson is working as faithfully at her post of duty as any governor ever did, two of her opponents are going over the state telling the people that her administration is so bad that she should be denied the customary second term, yet they have not specified a single act of dishonor or inefficiency upon her part. Then what are her crimes?

She burdened the people with only one legislative session instead of a half dozen. Her general appropriation bill was over \$10,000,000 less than her predecessor's. She expended some money to enlarge the asylums so the insane would not have to remain in the jails. Mr. Moody says she increased the expense of maintaining prisoners. She may have done so in order to provide them with more suitable food and clothing. My God! Is that a crime? The penitentiary was hard hit by the drouth, but she managed it so much better than her predecessors that the comptroller's April report shows it has a nice cash balance and said report also shows more money in the general fund than ever before at this time of the year. All state warrants are being paid in cash. Confederate pensions have been increased nearly every quarter since she was inaugurated. She has provided for the needs of all the state institutions.

Her anti-mask law has done away with midnight whippings, boycotts, intimidations and intolerance—buried most of them with the rubbish of the Dark Ages. She proposes a 3c gasoline tax that will raise \$12,000,000 so as to aid the schools and the highways and at the same time reduce state taxes from 35c to 25c.

Then what is the awful thing called "Fergusonism?" Ten thousand modern school buildings are silent but eloquent witnesses to the fact that they are the creatures of Fergusonism, and they are the hope of this state and nation.

Fergusonism means more protection of person and property, better government, more aid for the state's institutions, better schools, a square deal for all—the poor as well as the rich—and a reduction of taxes.

If you oppose the foregoing things you ought to vote for her opponent who says he is against Fergusonism. But if you favor them you should give her a second term as you did for all other governors since Richard Coke. It is true she said two years ago that if she could get her husband's full rights restored that she would not run again. But her enemies say they have not been fully restored. Then can you blame her for keeping up the fight until her coffin lid closes over her? Her enemies admit it is all right to restore the full right of citizenship to the thousands of white and black convicts who have been pardoned by other governors, but that it should not be done for Jim Ferguson, though he was never convicted of a misdemeanor nor felony. Will you put upon the brow of that good woman a crown of roses or a crown of thorns?

R. A. McLARRY,

McKinney, Texas.

Ferguson Supporters In Houston County Form Campaign Club

Crockett, Texas, June 9.—On Saturday, May 29, 1926, the Ferguson supporters of Houston county met in the court house at Crockett to formulate plans for the election of Mrs. Ferguson as our next governor. The following officers were elected:

Dr. W. B. Collins, Lovelady, chairman; A. Houston, Crockett, vice chairman; Mrs. A. Houston, Crockett, secretary-treasurer. Advisory committee: J. J. Jackson, (Belot); Crockett R. 8, M. B. Matchett, Kennard, J. B. Ash (Ash); Crockett R. 7, D. B. E. Goodrum, Weldon, Claude Jones, Percilla, W.

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Henry Moseley, Crockett R. 8, Mrs. W. F. Griswold, Weldon, Lee Wilson, Crockett R. 8, John Sims, Lotexco. Wives and husbands of all these are included.

MRS. A. HOUSTON, Secretary.

John D. Spreckels of California Dies

San Diego, Calif., June 8.—John D. Spreckels, 73, one of the outstanding figures in the financial, artistic, political and maritime life of the west, died here yesterday after having been in ill health for several months.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon from the Coronado home of Mr. Spreckels and the body will be cremated after a private service.

Road Maintenance Under Contract Plan Is Found Satisfactory in Bosque

Editor Forum:

New that maintenance of the state highways under the contract system has ended it might be well for the citizens of Texas to reflect and decide whether or not there was just criticism of the system or if the objections were through prejudice. From observation and through hearsay I find the system as a whole satisfactory. It is true that some of the contractors have neglected their work and some have willfully refused to give to the roads what they were entitled, all done for the purpose of making an enormous profit. Yet that was the exception rather than the rule, and it occurred only among those contractors with no future in the profession and who were not desirous of giving the state honest work. However you can find the same number of that sort of people working for the state under direct supervision of the maintenance of the highways. It always has been the rule and probably always will be.

As a specific example of efficiency in the contract system of maintenance take the case of Mr. C. H. Van Eman, who on June 1, 1925, contracted with the state to maintain the highways in the counties of Bosque, Coryell, Hood and Somervell. At the time he took those roads over they were only in fair condition. Those roads which had not been built by bonding the districts were, for the most part, ungraded and those built with bond money were rapidly deteriorating. The contractor took charge and not only maintained these roads but graded and otherwise built them up and on June 1, 1926 they were in fifty per cent better condition than they had ever been. And he did this work with practically the same amount of money that had been spent by the state the previous year under direct control.

During the year Mr. Van Eman has had the co-operation of the county officials and the entire citizenship of the four counties with the exception of a few disgruntled people whose sole desire was to

see the Ferguson administration fail. These four counties were fortunate, of course, in having their roads maintained by Mr. Van Eman, as he is one of the most efficient road men in the state. He has handled many large contracts for highways and railroads and has a very high rating in the profession.

Maintenance by contract will eventually win out as history proves that any work done by either the federal or state government is more efficiently and economically done when contracted.

The people of this section are satisfied with "Fergusonism," in fact they would be very ungrateful if they were not as this administration has done more for Bosque county than any other before it has done.

G. L. ROBERTSON, Meridian, Tex., June 8, 1926.

48 Descendants of Mrs. E. Thomason at Her Birthday Party

When Mrs. E. Thomason, of Mexia, celebrated her seventy-fourth birthday anniversary, Sunday, June 6 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. D. Richardson in Mexia, there were 48 of her descendants present including five great grandchildren. Several counties were represented in the big family reunion and the venerable woman was the recipient of numerous testimonials of the love and affection of her kin.

The day was marked with happiness and after several hours spent in pleasant exchanges of greetings a bountiful and appetizing feast was spread to which all did ample justice.

Many of those who attended this celebration traveled more than 100 miles in their autos and among these were her daughter and her family from Temple.

Mrs. Thomason and her kindfolk are Ferguson supporters and she is enthusiastic in her championship of Ma's re-election. While she says she is a "Shouting Baptist" she nevertheless believes in Ma.

State Control Board to Hold Hearings on New Appropriations

Austin, Texas, June 7.—Hearings by the State Board of Control to build the appropriation budgets to be submitted to the next legislature will begin next Monday, it was announced by R. B. Walthall, member of the board in charge of budgets and estimates.

First to be heard will be the representatives of the higher courts so as to save the judges returning during vacation. The supreme court and court of criminal appeals probably will be the only tribunals represented, it was disclosed Monday, since the eleven courts of civil appeals have asked for the usual statutory salaries plus small amounts for current law books for the court libraries.

After the higher courts are heard the heads of the state departments will come before the board and present their requisitions. They will be followed by the educational and eleemosynary institutions, indiscriminately. Some of the latter want to be heard early and others late.

Texas Technological college at Lubbock has asked for an early hearing and it will be accorded, meaning that institution will be among the first of the state institutions to come before the board.

Requests for appropriations from all sources reaching the board aggregate close to \$50,000,000 and break all previous records. These will have to be materially reduced to stay within the state revenues, which is an announced policy of the board. Two years ago the total was approximately \$30,000,000 when the board finished with the bills.

Mr. Walthall left on Tuesday on the final inspection preceding the hearings. He will go to Kings-

ville to inspect the recently completed South Texas State Teachers' college as to its appropriation needs and will then go to Hidalgo, Hidalgo county, where the experiment station is located which specializes in citrus fruit culture and eradication of pests which attack citrus fruit orchards. This station was created by the Thirty-eighth legislature to devote itself to citrus fruit culture, the leading industry of the Rio Grande valley.

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Wage Bill Largest Expense

Government statistics show that the largest item in the operating expense of the railroads is the wage bill. In 1900, the railroads had 1,000,000 employees at an average compensation of \$567 per year; in 1924, they had 1,777,000 employees at an average compensation of \$1,613 per year—an increase of 400% in the total annual compensation of employees.



THE PUBLIC The Employes The Investors

THE three interests most vitally concerned in the operation of the railroads today are—the public, requiring adequate and convenient service at fair rates; the railroad employes, entitled to good wages and fair working conditions; and the investors, equally entitled to a reasonable return on their investment.

Permanent solution of the railroad problem is possible only through an equitable treatment of each interest—the maintenance of economic justice between the public who pay rates, the employes who receive wages and the investors who put their money into railway securities. Disregard of the rights of any one of these three determining factors necessarily injures each of the others.

From the standpoint of each interest, there has been a steady improvement in American railroad conditions since 1922. Railway service today is better than ever before, and a continuation of the conditions under which this service has been built up will assure permanent solution of the railroad problem.

Through lower rates the public paid \$105,000,000 less for the service performed in 1925 than they would have paid for the same service at average rates charged in 1923. ¶ Employes received \$26,000,000 more in wages than they would have received for the same number of hours work at the average rates of 1923. ¶ The railroads, too, earned increased return on investment, although they still fell short of earning 5%.

At the same time, Katy shippers paid the railroad \$3,549,291 less for freight service in 1925 than they would have paid for the same service if charged for at the average rates in 1923.

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TO AND FROM THE GREAT SOUTHWEST

19-Year-Old Groom and Bride, 72, Pose for Their Pictures

Richmond, Va., June 8.—Roy Hinton Matthews, 19, and his bride, 72, have ended their honeymoon here and returned to New Port News. They were married Saturday. The bride told of her happiness thus far.

Dalrymple Is Reinstated. Okmulgee, Okla., June 5.—William Dalrymple, recently ousted as president of District Number 21, United Mine Workers of America, has been reinstated, said a report received here today by Union Miners, from Phillip Murray, acting president of the International. The district comprises Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

The BULL'S EYE



Another "Bull" Durham Rogers, Zigfield Folles and interesting American humorists. More coming. Watch for them.

The Farmer Can't Stand Much More Help Like He Has Been Getting

Congress say they are helping the Farmer. They are in Washington ON salary. He is home trying to pay it. Farmers have had more advice and less relief than a wayward son. If advice sold for 10c a column, Farmers would be richer than Bootleggers.

When a steer starts from the feed pen to the table, there is about 10 to take a bite out of him, before he reaches the family that pay for him. Who wears the best clothes or drives the best car, the fellow who raises a bushel of wheat, or the working fellow who goes up to buy a sack of flour? Why neither one of them.

The Government just told Agriculture, "You are in a hole." They didn't offer to pull them out, but they did say, "We will get down in there with you." I want to tell you right here, I don't know what would have happened to the poor farmer if it had not been for his old friend, "Bull" Durham. It's the only thing he has been absolutely able to rely on. And I want him to know that myself and "Bull" Durham are with him right to the poor house door.

What is the real 100 per cent American? If I am not mistaken it is an Indian. I don't know where my forefathers came from, but I know what religion I have always been taught. I was also taught to honor the Stars and Stripes of America. Though what nationality I be, when the World War was declared I was glad to volunteer to help the Stars and Stripes fly forever. At the Recruiting Station they didn't ask me what nationality I was or did they care what religion I believed, Protestant, or Catholic, though I did pledge I would be loyal to the Stars and Stripes. As I went, Jews, Irish and all went. We were all in the same ship and had a part to play. Many finished their part for the sake of the dear old U. S. A. never again to return, and died heroes no matter what nationality they were. I am still playing my part and when the ship sinks I will still be fighting for equal rights among all.

I think Ma is the greatest hero the State has ever known. Just as the dear old State was in a very serious condition, along came Jim with about 200,000 votes and with Ma's putting an end to a young war, so called, K. K. K. War. Down went Felix and many other selfish, unthoughtful citizens of this great State.

As the Kluckers don't cluck any more, let's keep them on ice by electing Ma Governor by a large majority, thus letting peace reign as it has for the past year and let friends be friendly. I think that's what God had rather have than enemy making Klans.

From an Ex-Sailor, JOHN M. IVY, Frost, Texas.

Predicts Moody Eclipse July 24 Editor Forum: Thinking perhaps that some of your readers would like to know what the political status of things is at this place, I respectfully submit the following:

The consensus of opinion among political observers in this section is that Dan Moody has made the mistake of his life. He has gone off half-cocked, either of his own volition or he has allowed himself to be pulled off the vine prematurely, and the result of such indiscretion will be a total eclipse will be noticeable about 8 o'clock in the morning of July 24.

But two years ago Mr. Moody made for himself a state, and almost a national reputation by his vigorous prosecution of a bunch of Ku Klux criminals at Georgetown, and now the fact that the Kluckers are lined up solidly for him, is a problem too complex for the average voter to solve. No, sir, we cannot savvy. And

Some Letters To the Forum

Promises Heavier Vote in Milam. Editor Forum: I have been in Texas thirty-nine years, a Confederate soldier. I am from sunny Tennessee. I was on Jim Hogg's band wagon when he led Texas to victory over Clark. Since that time I had been "sorter" wool gathering, until Jim Ferguson came out and put Texas on a cash basis and filled the treasury with money. They back-bit him and threw him out for nothing because they had the power. The teachers of our schools have had to discount their vouchers to get their pay for several years, the penitentiary nearly went by default from some cause unknown to the tax payers. Why doesn't Daniel tell the people what caused this after they put Jim out? I call him "Jim" because I know him. I knew him when he worked for Joe Zack Miller in the bank at Belton. He is a friend to the labor class. Dan Moody may be a good man. I haven't anything against him but can't support him this time. I am going with the winning crowd.

Dan said in his speech Jim was a bluffing, but Dan opened the biggest Jack-pot he ever opened in his life on two Jacks at Taylor. Jim had one Queen to draw to and caught the other three, and he is sitting pat with a set of fours. When he shows his hand those fellows will both feel like a church mouse.

The first primary Mrs. Ferguson with nine in the race in Milam county got 2,637 votes. Second primary she got 4,822 votes and this time she will get over 6,000 in the first for she has nothing to run against. Dan only got 538 votes and I don't think he'll get that much this time, he's running a cold trail. Our Bible teaches us we have only one Savior. We all know that Solomon is dead. Dan tries to take Solomon's place.

When you hear some one say that Miriam A. Ferguson hasn't made a good governor you are listening to some very narrow minded person. There are some people so wild over Dan Moody they want to change the first chapter of Genesis and put his opening speech in its place.

S. E. KOEPP, Box 624, Cameron, Texas.

From an Ex-Sailor in American Navy. Editor Forum: After supporting the Fergusons at various times, and especially in Ma's past race, I am more for her now than ever, or Jim, as many say. Either is good enough.

My friend Dan tells us how honest he is, but that is an old, old story; we have heard that before. He tells us of all the good roads he has kept from being completed, not speaking of how many he has let wash down the creeks, caused by the "Archer County Road Suit."

Lynch speaks of millions of dollars involved in oil, but what do we poor people get out of the oil business? Lose all we have if we fool with it. We need a Governor who knows of every one's troubles, the farmer, the railroad men, the ranchman, and all in general. Ma knows most of that and what she doesn't, Pa does.

Many tell you the Fergusons get all the foreign vote. Can you blame them? Ma and Pa believe in equal rights and free religion for all, so do I, or I would feel selfish. I happen not to be one of those so-called foreigners but if I were I would expect as much as any one else. I feel that they should have equal basis with me.

Copy of Letter to Abilene Reporter. Editor Forum: Following is a copy of a letter I have sent to the Abilene Reporter: "Probably you think because you are so strong for Moody that other people should be. Your reasons I do not think you could explain, since he has no platform except slurs at former Governor Ferguson. He, Mr. Moody I mean, said nothing in any of his speeches that he can prove is to his credit. The men who shoved Moody in the Governor's race say, Tom Love, O. B. Colquitt, Atticus Webb, Earle Mayfield and others like them, did not do this because they thought anything special of Moody, they thought he stood solidly for the party of defeating Mrs. Ferguson, which he does not. Going by sure enough reports it is doubtful if he makes the second grade. Now I am a paid subscriber to your paper and I am frank to inform you that I am rather full up on this Moody soft stuff."

JOHN PADON, Box 135, Orchard, Texas.

Wishes for Ferguson Victory. Editor Forum: I have just got through looking over the best paper in the State—the Forum, and I just want to write a few lines. Will say that I voted for Dan Moody for Attorney General but I want him to know that I am for "Ma" Ferguson for Governor and always will be. Little Dan took the big head when Mrs. Ferguson's supporters elected him Attorney General and now he wants the K. K. to elect him Governor. No, no, Dan, they can't do that. Ma has made the best Governor that the State ever did have and why not keep her two more years and we will by 200,000 majority.

Dan won't tell anybody how he stands on the Search and Seizure law. I honestly don't believe Dan will get anywhere and he won't feel so blame smart after the election is over. If he had run for Attorney General again he might have got it. I don't know, but for Governor I am strictly for "Ma" Ferguson, best Governor Texas ever did have or ever will. I can't see how any man or woman with good common sense can vote against "Ma," I can't.

R. D. PITTS, Talpa, Texas.

Calls on Ferguson Friends to Rally. Editor Forum: If you have a little space left just want to let you know we Fergusonites are still out here. The big thing has started and the bunch are off. Ma is running comfortably away in the lead. Moody will fizzle out before he heads in the stretch. Then he will have to go back to Austin and resign. Then they will send to Atlanta for old Hiram—he will catch the first train out for Texas to see what the deuce went wrong this time. Then they will meet at

the Adolphus, pull all the curtains down and chink the key hole, then pass the word out to all the brethren to scratch Ma in the general election. Then he will come out and make a grandstand play and say he is just on a business mission and the Klan is not in politics. Oh, no, they are not in politics but they are working like bees in the bungalow of a molasses barrel for Moody and harping on Ma's administration. They say Jim deserves no credit for the penitentiary, they just happened to make a good crop down there. If that's the case he must be a devil of a good farmer for they never make a crop unless he is there. They tell us all facts and records at Austin to whether or not all of the details of that transaction have been given to the public. And subsequent events increased cost of highway construction and maintenance causes a lurking suspicion in the minds of a great many people that Mr. Moody's legal attitude toward the different road building companies in the State was of very doubtful propriety.

A few days ago I received from one of my good friends in Galveston an article clipped from Collins Weekly, bearing date of April 27, in which clipping the editor of the said Weekly had belabored himself much trying to belittle the Governor's administration and discredit her administration. Can you imagine how it would look to the country at large for Texas newspapers to use a lot of their available space trying to make a monkey out of the Governor of New York, and to belittle the administration of a man of whom it would look a good deal like a case of meddling with the other man's cat? I do.

If all the money that has been spent since the good year 1914 trying to kill and bury Jim Ferguson, politically had been turned to schools, his administration? Don't you think it would look a good deal like a case of meddling with the other man's cat? I do.

W. A. WIGLEY, Roganville, Texas.

Enjoys Forum Letters. Editor Forum: I am a reader of the Forum and particularly enjoy reading the good letters from all over the grand old state of Texas for Me.

I will say in regard to the governor's race, this Fort Bend county, will go two to one for Ma. After I heard Dan speak at Rosenberg Friday, May 28, I was sure fooled in him and I heard several others say the same. I think he would make a better fall splitter than a lawyer or governor, as I think he is another Hobby, as all that voted for him sure got fooled, they sure don't want you to mention Hobby to them any more. As I have often heard people say he was too little a man for justice of the peace. That is the man and his bunch that is with Dan Moody.

Please send me posters of all kinds, which I will be glad to distribute at no charge, if you can save the grand old state of Texas from the clutches of our enemies and give Ma her second term as a democrat. We will see how many real democrats we got in Texas on the 24th of July. I will close hoping Ma will lead the bunch in the first primary.

JOHN PADON, Box 135, Orchard, Texas.

Old Matagorda For Ma. Editor Forum: Just a line from old Matagorda county. We are still strong for Ma, here except the followers of E. Y. Charles and a few others. Ma will get more votes here than she got in last election.

I am going to vote for Ma because she has made a good governor, and is entitled to second term. Our little Oscar, Campbell and Neff, were given second terms and Mrs. Ferguson has made a better governor than either of the three, then why not give this good woman her second term.

Come on boys, now's the time to do justice, let us give Mrs. Ferguson 200,000 majority.

W. O. BROWN, Bay City, Texas.

Tells of Dan's Greenville Speech. Editor Forum: I am not a reporter for any paper in the world and do not know the first steps in newspaper reporting but I'd like to give you my version of the "Moody" speech in Greenville, Hunt county, Saturday night, June 5, 1926.

I happened to be in Greenville on this particular night and we were stopping at the New Beckham Hotel where Dan had his headquarters (if he had any) at least he was in the lobby of the hotel—I didn't inquire to see if he had rooms there. Anyway, he didn't know I was there and I would not have known he was there, had not some one mentioned the fact. To get on down in my story, but before that, let me say the hotel lobby presented a much different atmosphere that night to what it did when you were just passing through on your way to Sulphur Springs, to make a speech in that town. The reception you had was much like the crowning of a hero, while Dan's reception had the tone of a "funeral dirge."

But let's go on down to the public square where Dan was to speak at 8:00 o'clock. The band was on the platform playing, had played several numbers and was preparing to give another selection when the leader of the band said "Ferguson has a message. There seemed to be some little hesitation and the band moved out and off to return no more. No ovation was given Dan when he came upon the scene except those on the platform "clapped" him in and it will remain for the audience to "clap him out," if they will. They gave him no encouragement with "claps," "honks" or anything else. Dan seemed to be highly pleased with the size of his crowd.

Now you are familiar with the size of Greenville,—you know it is one of the best towns in the State, has a wonderful citizenship. You know the size of her square up in the middle of which is located the court house. This side of the square had been roped

off for parking purposes and a few seats had been improvised. Let me say that at no time was this space filled with people. The seats were never all taken and most of the cars, perhaps one hundred in number, had been emptied and the people had either gone some other place or were sitting on the improvised seats or were standing around in groups talking and some listening. As for me I listened attentively to his speech and think he made the best effort he could and his speech reminded me of the little boy who had never learned to "cuss" but was trying to and after fruitlessly trying to catch a little cotton tallow rabbit for an hour, sat down by the roadside and began to cry and said, "You are my-Goddest-rabbit I ever dam saw—your ain't no more fit to be a rabbit in spite of H—." That's the way Dan's speech made you feel about him for Governor. Maybe he can make a better speech than that but after looking him over when he returned to the hotel I am convinced that he did his dead-level-best.

Now he said he was awfully tickled with the size of his crowd. Now I never did run for any kind of an office but if I did and I went to a town one-tenth the size of Greenville with as many people in the county as live in Hunt county, I say if I went to any town to make a speech and didn't have more people to hear me than came out to hear Dan Saturday night at Greenville, I'd think—yes, I'd know that I was "playing a losing game," and I think he is and I think he knows he is and I think the further into it he goes the more he is losing and I think he knows that too.

You know the population of Hunt county at the last census was given as 51,156—Greenville 14,386. I am sure that a most liberal estimate of Dan's crowd (I mean those who stood by and listened to his speech) could be placed at 1500 people and that's the size of the crowd that "ticked him off just awfully." Mind you, now Governor, I have not taken into consideration the fact that Fannin County is right here close with a population of 49,406; Collin county 49,821; Delta county, 15,384; Rockwall county, 8,777; Hopkins county, 35,142; Rains county, 8,572; Van Zandt county, 22,632; Kaufman county, 43,422; and Hunt county 51,156, making a total of 296,292.

Now all of those more than a quarter of a million people live in a stone's throw of the place where Dan was going to tell them why he, and not you, should be Governor and he was satisfied to tell his little story to fifteen hundred people. I say it looks to me like Texas is not only satisfied to have the Ferguson's at the head of the government but they are glad—I am.

Your friend, B. N. JARRELL, Greenville, Texas.

Predicts Ferguson Victory. Editor Forum: Will you please allow me a little space to say a few words in regard to the governor's race. There will be but very little difference in things here this year from what it was in 1924. Some few minor changes will naturally take place, but not enough to amount to anything. I have lived at Rule nineteen years and watched things come and go. I am sure it will be very much like it was last year. There may be some few that voted against Mrs. Ferguson that will naturally take place, but very few. I am sure all that voted for her last year will support her this time. I have been taking tab of things lately that I know to be facts and I would not be afraid to stake all I have, and that isn't much, that Mrs. Ferguson will run ahead of what she did in 1924. I

L. W. BURDICK, Coleman, Texas.

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know if other places vote like it is here she will, or may do some better. I'm on to what she has got to meet. These things have been after Jim Ferguson so long never will be satisfied with anything but his head in a charger. Of course Jim will die at the last ditch, but let me tell you what will happen Mrs. Ferguson will be our governor for two more years and Mr. Moody will just have to be a little lawyer. Now people, all take notice of what I am telling

J. J. MORGAN, R. 2, Box 62, Rule, Texas.

Grateful for Fergusonism. Editor Forum: I feel that it is my duty to speak a word in defense of the greatest administration Texas ever enjoyed. In regards to the pardon record I cannot understand how people can condemn this record. They do not read the facts of these pardons. Oh, but it isn't the pardon record that makes them hostile, it is the defeat that they suffered in 1924. You cannot blame them howling, a drowning man will naturally grab at a straw. Have you a boy, then bring it home to yourself. They would want their pardoned, but they would give my boy H— when the law reaches out and gets one of the prominent citizens with three or four quarts, these people that are howling will give his bond and testify what a fine fellow he is and he had this for medical purposes and if he is found guilty it is carried to the higher courts and next it is dropped.

Thank God for a Christian Governor that remembers these poor men without money and friends, that of the homes she has made mappy. Mr. Colquitt made some pardon record and he is Mr. Moody's right-hand bower. They say Moody is a Pro. Then please tell me why Mr. Colquitt and Mr. Carter are supporting him. They are as wet as the Atlantic ocean. Is Daniel an anti Kluk? Look and see who the K. K. K.'s are supporting. They are for Moody like they were for Robertson. If Moody is an anti-K. K. K. why don't they

Mrs. Ferguson gets six votes in my house. Yours until the Capitol starts towards Atlanta. C. H. SPARKS, Hillsboro, Texas.

McGregor in Ferguson Column Editor Forum: Hurray for our governor and the next one also—Governor Ferguson. Here in McGregor we have a host for "Ma" Even a few K's say they are for Governor Ferguson. Most of them, however, are for Dan. Funny isn't it? They follow they cussed much two years ago. Best wishes for your success. R. L. HARDIN, McGregor, Texas.

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