





## Hunter Scores Jim Ferguson

MERCEDES, Texas, June 9.—"Jim Ferguson charges me with the great crime of being a novice," declared Tom F. Hunter, democratic candidate for Governor, who spoke here this afternoon.

"It is true, I am a novice," he stated, "to the extent that I have never practiced law before a member of my family, Governor in name only, accepting fees from corporations that that member's official acts might be influenced, nor have been the beneficiary of a deed of trust, executed by the parents of a condemned assassin, pardoned by a member of my family, Governor in name."

"I have never, as Jekyll, in the capacity of a state employee, or the advisor of one, nor as the representative of an individual, let a contract for road building or other purposes to Hyde, in which there was a profit."

"If it requires these things to qualify I shall remain one of the plain folks."

"Jim seems to think he is springing something new when he says that he shall, during his fourth term, make the penitentiary pay. I had a fellow over in the piney woods the other day tell me that he had no doubt about it—Jim had always made it pay, but that it was probably an oversight that the state treasury never had the returns."

"Jim's cry that he is 'agin' taxes and will reduce them may be likened to the second reader story of the boy that cried 'wolf'. The first time, aid came in great numbers. There was no wolf. They came the third time and the state tax rate was set at the very highest in Texas history. Your own county records will show it."

"Neither time did he suggest to the legislature a plan to revise the tax system to relieve the burdens of the laborer or the farmer; nor did he suggest to the legislature in any of their many sessions that two-thirds of our wealth was escaping taxes. He did not tell them that recorded examples were available where some little home-owner paid 84 times as much tax in proportion to his investment as did the Humble Pipe Line Company, a subsidiary of the Standard of New Jersey. He did not tell that legislature that the utilities were over-reaching the plain people for 70 million dollars a year, nor that the Standard Oil octopus were taking a strangle hold on the masses and that our state would, in time be pauperized unless freed. Jim's act toward them reminds me of the vicious bull dog in the pen when strange country dogs passed—ready to tear them to pieces; though, when his apparent desire was granted, and three times he was made Governor, each time his bristles fell and he greeted those named enemies in that time-honored fashion, as that bull-dog did his claimed enemies when released from the pen."

"When Jim began saving Texas from high taxes our state expense account was but little more than 14 million dollars a year. It has climbed millions each year until now it is at the astounding sum of approximately 110 millions. It never occurred to Jim to ask that duplicating offices and overlapping commissions be abolished until eight weeks after he read the novice's platform. Then he, too, was 'fur' it—another bull-dog."

"We all remember that Jim appointed a man for every job there was a name for and then gave him an assistant."

"Ross Sterling—Oh! Well no-one should be too severe on him who knows not what he does."

## Edith

(Delayed)

There was a large number present to hear Bro. Smith preach the baccaureate sermon. It was enjoyed by all.

The Kid Singing Convention met here Sunday with several classes represented. The next Kid Singing Convention will meet at South Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Young and family of Garlynn visited Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Hargart Sunday.

Mrs. Charlie Sanders is visiting her parents at Rising Star this week.

Miss Avis Campbell of South Ward community has been visiting friends here part of this week.

Bro. Smith and family of Tahoka ate dinner with Geo. Lindly and family Sunday.

The play given by the high school pupils was enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Tippit, Miss Tippit, Ralph Payne, and Ray Finch went to the Lubbock Singing convention Saturday night.

Mr. Mabren Whittington has returned home. He has been traveling in California, Utah, Nevada, Colorado and Wyoming.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. McCarty of Hart spent Saturday night with Mr. and

Mrs. J. A. Whittington, Mr. Jim Pharr, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Pharr spent Saturday night with father and family.

## South Ward

Well! here we are again. Everybody feeling fine over the rain, although the hall which accompanied it did a little damage through some sections of the community.

Sunday school, church, and singing were well attended. Bro. Boyd filled his regular appointment Sunday morning, and Bro. Hawthorne Sunday night.

Mr. Carl Decker spent the week end with friends at Redwine.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Martin of Slaton and Mr. Martin's sister, Miss Mary Ellen Martin, of Anson, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Inman and family.

Little Miss Edith Hardt has been on the sick list the past week, but is better at the present.

Mr. Rush Dudgeon of Sweetwater is visiting Mr. Lois Smelser.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Duckett visited Mr. Duckett's father and mother of New Lynn last week.

Miss Avis Campbell visited friends at Edith during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Roland are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Norwood are also the proud parents of a little daughter bearing the name of Evelyn Mae.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Cowan Jr. gave the young folks a "42" party Saturday night. Every one reported a nice time. Delicious punch and cake was served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Duckett, Mr. Shreman Inman, Woodie Switzer, Luther Wood, L. T.

Redding, Johnnie Inman, Jack Wood, Misses Irene and Amy Redding, Bobbie Scott, Nora Belle Inman, Margaret Cross, and Mary Ellen Inman.

Singers! Come out to the singing Sunday evening. Bring your books and some one with you. Singing starts at 3:00 o'clock. Everybody has a special invitation.

Bro. Hawthorne will preach next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Every one come out and hear him.

—Reporter.

## Joe Stokes

(Delayed)

The people of Joe Stokes met at the regular Sunday school hour Sunday. We are having a good Sunday school but poor attendance. We are hoping for much bigger and better crowds.

Mrs. H. E. Griffith and son, Homer, have returned to their home at Commerce. The people of the Joe Stokes community were glad to have these good people visit them.

Our school has closed. We surely had some good programs the last two nights; there were large crowds in attendance and every one seemed to enjoy the entertainments.

Mr. and Mrs. Clide Headstream, our teachers, have returned to their home in Arkansas. They are planning to attend school there this summer.

Miss Lola Smith has returned from the Lubbock Sanitarium, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis. We are glad to report she is doing nicely.

The Slide community put on a play at our school Friday night, which was enjoyed by every one present.

Miss Laurene Leavitt and Miss Evalyn Gregory are visiting friends at Commerce this week.

Joe Stokes and Petty played ball Sunday afternoon the score being 7 and 9 in favor of Petty.

—Reporter.

## Wilson

Miss Helen Thurston who has been attending T. W. C. at Ft. Worth the past session, stopped by to pay her brother, Rev. H. L. Thurston, a few days visit; she was on her way to Gallup, New Mexico, her home.

Mr. Heck, wife and son Rodney Fern of New Home spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. Heck's parents near Wilson.

Mr. Ed Wixon and family of Lakeview, Hall county, Texas, are visiting a few days with Mrs. Wixon's brother, Rev. J. W. Partin.

Messrs. Rudy and Fred Kahlich left Tuesday morning for DeWitt, Texas, after receiving a wire that their mother had passed away. They will be away till Saturday or longer.

The faculty of the Wilson school was very royally entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shaw on Monday evening, every one reported a lovely time and more barbecued chicken than they could eat to boot.

Commencement Exercises

The commencement exercises will be held in the auditorium of the high school building, Friday, June 10, 1932, at 8:30 p. m. Following is the program.

Processional, orchestra.

Invocation, Rev. H. L. Thurston.

Salutatory, Miss Florine Server.

Music, orchestra.

Address, Hon. Clyde Thomas, Big

Spring, Texas.

Reading, Miss O'Berger Forrester.

Valedictory, Miss Sidonia Mueller.

Awarding Scholarships, Mr. Brady Nix.

Piano solo, Miss Maggie George.

Awarding of diplomas, Mr. C. A. Coleman.

Recessional, orchestra.

## SAYS CARLSBAD CAVERN IS MUCH IMPROVED

W. T. Jones Jr. returned Saturday from a trip to Carlsbad Cavern. He was accompanied by his brother-in-law, F. R. Bellomy of Detroit, Mich., who has been here visiting.

Mr. Jones has been to the cavern several times before but this time he made his entry and exit by elevator. He says that it required exactly one minute for the elevator to make the run from the bottom to the top, a distance of a little more than 700 feet. He says a man gets quite a thrill out of the elevator ride alone.

Mr. Jones says that the pathways in the cavern have also been made wider and smoother and other improvements made, but the beauty and grandeur of the cavern itself is just as indescribable as ever.

ERROR CORRECTED

Last week we carried a story about a local carpenter and gin man having invented a clever frame work for weaving rugs and we gave the name of the inventor as J. A. Smith. The inventor in fact is our well known citizen, J. A. South. The name was erroneously given to us. We are glad to make this correction and give honor to the man who deserves it.

Read the classified ads.

## ATTENTION CANDIDATES!

The people of Lakeview community are planning a picnic at the Lakeview school June 10. All candidates are invited to come and help make the affair a success. Two call games will be played one in the morning and one in the afternoon. A large crowd is expected, since school is closing on this date and the people have almost completed their planting — J. A. Adams.

Mrs. H. M. Snowden and the children left Monday morning to visit her parents at San Marcos. They also expected to visit Austin and San Antonio before returning to Tahoka.

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**MAGNOLIA CLUB NEXT FRIDAY, ON MAY 20**

(Delayed)  
4-H club met at the home of Mrs. H. C. Harters. Home demonstration agent, Miss Effie Harrison, met with the club.  
Miss Harrison gave a demonstration on "How to build a model closet. How to store linens, shoes, clothes, etc. Also a demonstration on stain removers."  
The next meeting will be at Mrs. Bryan Brown's Friday, June 3. Those present: Meses. H. C. Harter, John Loving, P. K. Fleming, Judge Gurley and Bryan Brown.  
—Reporter.

**Fifty-Four Years Of Pioneering On The Plains Of Texas**

As Told By **Jack Alley**  
To **Frank P. Hill**  
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**THE COWMEN MOVE WEST**

I worked for Slaughters as what was called an "outside man". It was my business to see that cattle which strayed away from the ranch were returned. Working in this capacity, it was necessary for me to make trips all over the South Plains, to all the breaks along the edge of the Plains, and to attend all the round-ups. My knowledge of brands and knack for being able to read them and my ability to recognize individual cattle won for me a salary of \$100 a month, which was far above the average cowboy salary of \$25 for common hands and \$30 for top hands.

Slaughters' cattle were made up of all kinds of South Texas brands, some of them Mexican brands, which were extremely hard to remember and become acquainted with because of their complication.

In driving trail herds to Kansas, South Texas drivers would lose cattle along the trail, and it was customary for them to pick up any other strays they found in order to make up for their losses. Many of these strays would drift over into our country and when no one else would lay claim to some strange South Texas brand, it was my duty as an employee of the Slaughters to claim them. For this reason, I was well worth the \$100 a month, because I made them many times that amount in a year's time.

My job gave me opportunity to become acquainted with practically all the first ranches and their operators. I knew every water hole, every cow trail, every ranch and its brands, and practically every brand from the Goodnight ranch on the north to Double Mountains on the south and as far east as Albany and Fort Griffin. Starting out in April, I attended all the round-ups in this area, usually getting through about the first of December.

Though the Plains was a bit slow in being developed by ranchmen, due to the shortage of natural watering places, after a start was made it was but a few years until ranches took up practically all the land below the caprock, many of them using the caprock as their western barrier.

About the time the Slaughters came to the Plains, East Texas was beginning to fill up with settlers sufficiently to break up the large ranches; and in 1879, '80, and '81 the ranchmen of that section began moving their herds to West Texas, many of them settling at the foot of the Plains.

The first East Texas ranchman to come after the Slaughters to our immediate section was Cass O. Edwards, who is still living and owns the T-Bar ranch in Lynn county. Edwards drove out about 2,500 or 3,000 head in '79, branded "COE" and "GED", the latter being his brother's brand, and ran them with us on the Slaughter range.

The next herd was that of the 22 Ranch, owned by John and Charley Hensley, whose headquarters were west of us on the head of the Salt Fork. Will and Van Sanders settled west of them. Fayette and Charley Wilson located with the Sanders brothers and their cattle carried the paddle brand. Fabrique, a Yankee, moved a small bunch of cattle to the mouth of the Yellowhouse canyon. Crill also located there with Fabri-

que. The three Kidwell boys from Jack county ranged a herd just above them, and Sam Gholson established a ranch at the mouth of Spring Creek, east of the present Slaton.

About where Lubbock is now, Dick Wilkerson and Jim Harvey, who hunted buffalo until the animals played out, established a sheep ranch.

Two St. Louis men, Groff and Ware, opened a small ranch in 1879 at the head of Duck Creek, about ten miles east of Silver Falls, and called it the Post Oak ranch. Jesse Jones settled with some cattle at Soldier Mound, further down on Duck creek; and south of him George Gamble had a herd of about 2,500. Tuttle and Sanders located at Stinking creek, east of Duck.

The Horse-shoe and T-Cross ranch was located where the Salt and Double Mountain forks run together; and Jess Hiltson's Two-Circle-Bar was a little further up on Double Mountain fork. Rube Secrest was near the mouth of Yellowhouse creek; and southeast of him was Kin Elkin's ranch, near Double Mountain. West of him, on Grape Creek, was the well known Cal Sloan. A man named DIVERS had a small herd a little further up on Yellowhouse creek.

At Double Mountain was the famous Captain Overall O'S ranch, which was bought about this time by Andy and Frank Long. This is one of the oldest ranches in the West and is now owned by Connell of Fort Worth.

Merchant and Purcell had a ranch, the "Figure 10", at the mouth of Duck creek. Dan Kyle's Z-Bar-L was on Catfish creek just below the Slaughters. The Two Buckle Ranch, whose rock house headquarters is still standing a short distance from Silver Falls, was not established until a few years later, about 1884. Down in the Snyder country the leading ranchmen were the Nunn brothers.

To the north of the Slaughters were ranches that are a bit better known to the general public. Charles Goodnight had established the first on the Palo Duro of importance. He formed a partnership with the Adairs of England, Goodnight furnishing the cattle raising experience and the Adairs most of the money. This ranch became known as the JA ranch, Goodnight later moving further north to form the famous ranch bearing his name. Then, there were the Baker brothers with their "F" ranch on the Quitaque, and Coggins and Wiley at the head of the Pease. The "F" ranch was soon bought by Goodnight and Adair, however.

Young and Galbraith, Fort Worth, moved 3,000 or 4,000 cattle to the West and formed the Currycomb ranch with headquarters southwest of the present town of Post. This headquarters place is now the site of the South Plains Area Boy Scout camp. They operated this ranch for many years, selling out to Johnnie Loftin and Harrison, who, in turn, sold to C. W. Post, the millionaire cereal manufacturer who developed that section.

South and west of them in Garza county were Coon and Jim Cooper operating the Cooper Spring ranch, which grazed about 2,000 head; and south and west of this ranch, covering the head of the Double Mountain fork of the Brazos, was the John and Nick Beal ranch. This is the old Square and Compass and is the present day location of the John Slaughter Ranch. Nick Beal now has a ranch south of Gall.

Most of these ranches were established in 1879 or 1880, and there are many old timers as well as some comparatively late comers that are acquainted with at least some of these pioneer ranchers or their ranches. Though under different ownership, practically all of this land is still in ranches.

Each of these ranches had one or more brands. There were no fences or definite barriers between the ranches; and, in winter, especially, our cattle would mix up badly. When a blizzard is blowing cattle will follow in the direction it is headed, this causing much of the mixing. Cattle would even drift down to our ranches from the Panhandle. As a result of this drifting, in the spring it was necessary for each ranchman to get his cattle back home, if possible.

Each ranch would send out a chuck wagon and a crew of cowboys to round up these stray cattle. Such promiscuous round-ups led some cattlemen to driving off cattle that did not rightfully belong to them. In some cases outright thefts were made. Even if a stolen cow was found on the thieves ranch, he could claim she had strayed over to his grass.

This condition brought about the organization of the Round-Up Association. A round-up boss was elected each year by the ranchmen members of this section, and his last word was the law of the range. Among these round-up bosses were Willie Holloway and Frank Long, the latter of the Andy and Frank Long ranch on Double Mountain Fork, originally the Captain Overall ranch.

Along in the Spring "outside men" for the various ranches would gather for the annual round-up of strays on their respective neighboring ranges. Sometimes there would be 50 or 75 and possibly as many as 100 men. The home ranch outfit would conduct the round-up and cut out their own cattle from the herd while another outfit made up of representatives of various neighboring ranches held the cattle rounded-up. The brands were then separated, various groups taking turn about "cutting" so as to give each ranch a fair show at getting its cattle, and each bunch of cattle would then be turned over to the rightful owner. Then we "outside men" would move on to another ranch.

While the cutting-out was in progress, not all the cowboys would be needed; and all but those at work would go off a mile or so from the round-up and spend the day playing everything from mumble-peg to poker. We had lots of fun at these round-ups.

Barbed wire had just been invented and was introduced in Texas in the early '80's. John W. Gates and Col. Isaac L. Elwood were among those taking out patents on wire. They built a barbed wire corral down at San Antonio, put a herd of wild longhorns in it and stamped them to show the cattlemen what the wire would do. Cowmen were amazed. As a result of the invention of wire, radical changes were soon to take place in the Texas ranching business.

Young and Galbraith, who were much bothered by strays drifting down onto their range, built the first fence in this section that I knew anything about. That was in 1883, and it was among the first in the state. They ran a fence along the north side of their ranch and across part of the east side.

Another interesting bit of ranch history is the incident connected with the forming of the famous Spur, or Swenson Ranch.

Britton and Loma, two Fort Worth bankers, got the idea they wanted to go into the ranching business on a big scale and came to Duck creek in Dickens county in about '83. They bought the Post Oak ranch as a starter and followed immediately by buying all the adjacent ranches they could on "range delivery"—that is, they took the cattlemen's count for the size of his herd and paid him accordingly. They branded a spar on their cattle. When the spring round-up was complete they found they did not have near as many cattle as they paid for. As a result, they went broke; and later one of them, I don't remember which, committed suicide. But, the ranch went on, in the hands of others, and became known as the Spur ranch. Many years later it was bought by the Swensons.

In 1882 or '83, Levi Shaw and McDonald established a sheep ranch at Tahoka Lake, built stock corrals and a dugout. The dug-out had port-holes as protection against Indians. Later, when I came into possession of the Tahoka Lake ranch and moved a ranch house to that location, I used the rock from these corrals to build a milk-house. The dug-out is still there, and though I remodeled it somewhat the port-holes are still to be seen. Shaw and McDonald had 800 or 1,000 head of sheep.

One of the first cattle ranches established entirely on the Plains was in Lynn county. Two boys from Parker county, Boyd and Frank Porter, came to Lynn county in 1884 with 300 or 400 head of cattle and established headquarters at Double Lakes, about eight miles northwest of the present Tahoka. They sold out to Cass Edwards in 1885, and Mr. Edwards immediately began buying more and more land to form the T-Bar ranch, one of the few original ranches of Texas that has been under the same ownership for as long as 45 years.

The famous Matador ranch was established in about 1883 by Harry ("Red" or "Matador") Campbell. This ranch was north of the Spur and in Motley, Dickens and Cottle counties, and was owned by a Scotch syndicate.

The biggest of all Texas ranches and one of the biggest in the world was the XII, owned by the Capitol

Land Syndicate of Chicago. This ranch started in just south of the Yellowhouse Lake and extended north to the Oklahoma state line and included parts of ten counties in Texas. In 1879, the Texas legislature set aside these 3,000,000 acres for the building of a new state capitol building. The Syndicate, which was organized in Chicago, proposed to erect the building in trade for this land. The deal was completed in 1881 or '82 and the present capitol building erected.

Col. C. C. Slaughter's big Long-S or Buffalo Ranch on the lower South Plains was the second largest ranch west Texas ever had. It likewise was among the largest of all ranches and must have covered fully 2,000,000 acres. But, I'll tell the story of that ranch later on.

Next week: First Settlements on the Plains.

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
State of Texas,  
County of Lynn.

Whereas by virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the 99th District Court of Lubbock County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said Court on the 20th day of April, 1932, in favor of The Peoples Building & Loan Association of El Paso, Texas, and against C. L. Clemens and Willie B. Clemens, who sometimes spell their names C. L. Clements and Willie B. Clements, for the sum of \$1609.44 with interest from the 20th day of April, 1932, at the rate of 8.94 percent per annum, and costs of suit, and for foreclosure of a mechanic's and materialman's lien, vendor's lien and deed of trust lien on the following described property as against the Defendants C. L. Clements, Willie B. Clements (Sometimes spelling their name "Clements"), C. A. Miller, E. R. Miller, Mrs. Pauline Campbell, Wildo Gene Campbell,

and Jo Ann Campbell in Cause No. 5063 on the Docket of said court, and to me as Sheriff directed and delivered, I did on the 27th day of May, 1932, at 10:00 A. M., levy on said property, which is situated in Lynn County, Texas, and belonging to the Defendants, C. L. Clemens, Willie B. Clemens, C. A. Miller, E. R. Miller, Mrs. Pauline Campbell, Wildo Gene Campbell and Jo Ann Campbell, to-wit: Being Fifty feet off the North end of Lots Nos. Ten (10), Eleven (11) and Twelve (12), Block Sixty-four (64), original town of O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas; on the 5th day of July, 1932, being the first Tuesday in said month, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M. on said day at the court house door of Lynn County, Texas, I will offer for sale at public auction, for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title, and interest of the said C. L. Clemens, Willie B. Clemens, C. A. Miller, E. R. Miller, Mrs. Pauline Campbell, Wildo Gene Campbell, and Jo Ann Campbell in and to said property.

Witness my hand this the 27th day of May, 1932.  
B. L. PARKER, Sheriff, Lynn County, Texas. 41-3tc.

Special Call Meeting of Tahoka Lodge No. 1041 A. F. & A. M. Monday night, June 13. Work in the E. A. Degree. Members urged to be present. Visitors welcome.  
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