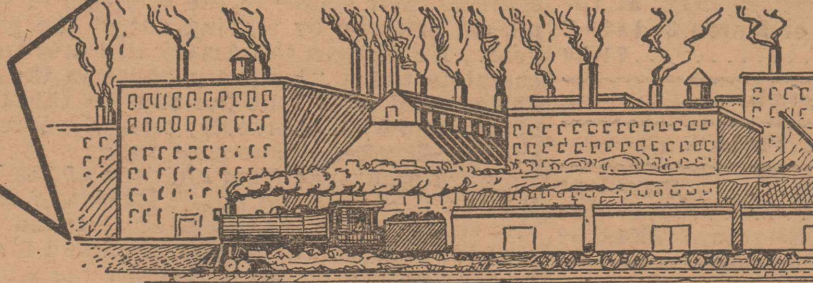
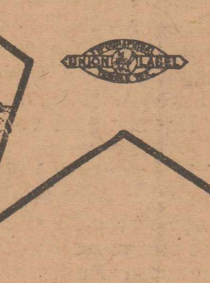


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THE 'BOX SEAT' OF HAPPINESS

By KATIE DAFFAN.

Whoever has been entertaining the hallucination that the big houses, the broad, well-swept lawns, the lighted porches, the upholstered limousines and the buttoned-up, be-capped chauffeurs of the "exclusive" neighborhoods hold all of the good things, had better think twice before they speak. Then they had better think again, and again, and begin to look around. There are plenty of good things just around the corner, waiting for other good things.

I came upon her at a windy, wet corner where we waited many minutes for a delinquent, dilatory, very-stubborn car—not a taxi, or a service car or limousine, but a little green, one-man-in-charge street car. It was number 207, and slowly wended its way to Mountvine. It was the day before Thanksgiving and every car was late—tho' I hope for the sake of the Thanksgiving preparations none were later than 207, bound for Mountvine. The car upon which her husband was motorman was nearly as late as mine, and, as we waited together at the windy corner she told me that we were at the "exchange corner" where the motormen phone to headquarters and sometimes relieve each other for a twenty minute respite. She was there to meet her husband by appointment to enjoy those "twenty minutes" at lunch.

Her shoes were brown, not with the good rich look of oiled tan leather or from lack of care, but brown from wear, long and faithful. Those shoes, years ago, were black. Her thin little skirt was not narrow in obedience to freak style, but because the cloth gave out long before the gathers could be put in or a plait laid. Her old, faded, half-length coat, too big to be buttoned across the front was pinned up and down, and across an all too narrow chest. The little, home-made hat might have survived from the good part of an old silk petticoat. Her eyes, as they searched every car blocks away, were fine and bright.

When the car from which she was waiting arrived, bringing her own motorman, he took both of her little, red, ungloved hands in his big, brown ones, and rubbed them warm, as he told her all about the detour which made his car so late. They had much to tell each other of what had happened since their 5 o'clock breakfast, before they decided where they should go to sit on a high stool and enjoy their coffee and meat sandwich. He took her arm and away they went into a crowded busy lunch place on another corner. His big broad shoulders sometimes concealed her in the crowd but I watched until the swinging door closed behind them.

O the riches of these people I thought! To whom does the wealth of the world belong any way? The motorman and his wife seem to have it all. As I waited on, tired faces passed and passed again. Worn out, rouged, over dressed women, weary in the pursuit and the imaginary possession of what they believed to be happiness, and many "rich" people with their dressed-up children passed on the way to the Thanksgiving matinee. The motorman and his wife, regardless of the fact that they were "only the motorman and his wife," it seemed to me, held the choice, right side, up the stage, BOX SEATS OF HAPPINESS at the Thanksgiving matinee and at all other matinees.

Some of us have "standing-room-only" in the house of happiness, while others have not provided themselves with the ticket of admission. Would that all of us could share, on Thanksgiving Day, the honest, simple, whole-hearted, fountain-source of happiness of the motorman and his wife. They have cause to return thanks to God.

Eclipse of Sun Visible in Part of Texas, Nov. 22

There will be an annular eclipse of the sun by the moon Saturday, Nov. 22. By this is meant that the moon, as seen from the earth, is not large enough to blot out the sun completely, so that when the two bodies and the earth are in line the sun is as a brilliant ring around the black shadow of the moon.

The visible annular or ring phase of the Nov. 22 eclipse, will begin in West Texas and end in the French Sudan, near Timbuktu. It will be seen in West Texas about 7:24 a. m., just twenty-one minutes after sunrise, unless clouds destroy the visibility. Generally this year daylight has been much longer than sunrise, owing to the morning cloud screens, which may interfere with the witnessing of the phenomenon.

The partial eclipse will be visible in the United States, except in the Pacific coast states, in Canada, in Mexico, Central America, the northern part of South America, in North-western Africa, and in Great Britain, France and Spain.

Beginning in the western part of Texas, the annular phase of the eclipse will pass through this state, across the southwestern corner of Louisiana, across the Gulf of Mexico, including the islands of Cuba, and Santa Domingo, in its shadow path, and by a wide curve sweep over the Atlantic ocean and end in the French Sudan. The greatest width of the shadow path, as estimated, will be 230 miles, and its duration at a given point from eight to twelve minutes.

Give the Gerilla Fits. "Look here!" demanded that hard-eyed man in the manager's tent. "Are those your children over there in front of that cage?" "Only about fourteen of 'em," replied Mr. Gap Johnson of Rumpus Ridge, Ark., who was viewing the wonders. "Well, get 'em away from there, quick! They have been making faces at the gerilla for twenty minutes, and the poor devil is having one fit right after another!"—Kansas City Star.

Army Stores Aid in Cutting Down High Living Cost

The efforts of the government, through its stores for the sale of surplus supplies bought for the United States army, are contributing something to the reduction of the high cost of living. The store at San Antonio in addition to having on sale groceries also carries items that are of interest to farmers and others who need harness, tools, etc. Included in these prices are articles such as a set for lead and \$39.00 a set for wheel harness, with 10 per cent reduction from these prices and freight prepaid where purchases amount to ten or more sets.

Picks, handles, overalls, gloves, stockings and ties, spades, shovels and legging are among the articles sold and practically all these the government pays transportation charges by parcel post. The store handles mail orders in large numbers from all parts of the territory tributary to the San Antonio store, and those who desire to buy can get a list of articles on sale, with prices and quantity that will be sold at one time to a purchaser by addressing the superintendent of the "U. S. Army Retail Store, 611-13 West Commerce St., San Antonio, Texas."

Humble Co. to Erect \$1,000,000 Building

The Humble Oil and Refining Company has awarded the contract for its new office building in Houston. The structure will cost about \$1,000,000 and will be one of the finest office buildings in the southwest. The building will be six stories in height, but constructed so that three stories can be added to take care of the future growth of the company. It will occupy an entire half block facing Polk avenue and extending from Main to Travis. The property on which the building will be erected is known as the Dickson homestead and was bought from the Dickson estate several months ago. The building will be of steel concrete and brick, and will have a corner on the Polk avenue side, which will be beautified with palms and shrubbery.

THE BIGGEST DEMAGOGUE

Yes; we have at last found him.

The most inconsistent, the most autocratic, the most unreasonable, yea, the biggest demagogue that ever held high station in these United States is none other than A. Mitchell Palmer, the Democratic Attorney General at Washington.

The sad part of this individual's official contortions is that he is using the courts of the country to play the most insincere politics that was ever attempted in a free country. If there was no other reason, the acts of this political quaker will justify and certainly damn the democratic party to lasting perdition for foisting this man on the country.

He first applies to a federal judge for a decision to keep coal miners from agreeing to quit work, because they were not satisfied with their jobs. He gets the Court to grant his request and 400,000 miners are, in effect, told that they will be in contempt if they disobey the decision of the Court.

This all-important Attorney General then unloads himself through the columns of the hired newspapers, and warns the miners that they are not above the law, and, through the meanest kind of attempted official intimidation, the poor coal miners are threatened with contempt proceedings and, with a flourish of hypocritical exclamation, this sanctimonious official prates long and loud about respect for the Courts and law and order.

Now, let me show you how little this little man cares for the Courts.

Two weeks after one federal judge rules against the miners, another federal judge rules against war-time prohibition and says that you can't have war-time prohibition after the war is over. A perfectly plain self-evident truth that any fool would know is true, let alone an attorney general of the United States. No sooner had the federal judge rendered his opinion than this Quaker Attorney General begins to come alive again and forthwith he issues another threat in the hired newspapers that he is going to prosecute every man who sells liquor, which he says is a violation of war-time prohibition.

Now; if this rube don't get the federal courts in a judicial straddle, then I give up that I don't know split beans from coffee.

In one breath he says every one must respect the Courts and he threatens to jail the miners if they do something, which the Court says they CAN'T do, and, in the next breath he threatens to prosecute the liquor dealers if they do something that Court says they CAN DO.

In other words, he is strong for the Courts when they decide his way and, when the Courts decide against him, the Courts be damned. The whole thing is so infernally ridiculous that the whole nation laughs in scorn and contempt.

But such is the logical sequence of a party which respects neither the liberty of the citizen nor the right of property.

It was to be expected that the same crowd that would say you can't drink would soon say that you can't quit work. A Mitchell Palmer is the personification of this contemptible fanaticism.

The autocracy of kings was never more despotic. The tyranny of dictators was never more cruel. Yea verily, let us return to the house of our fathers and again set up the altar of human liberty, of personal security, of private property and, setting our faces solemnly to the future, let us as true Americans decide once and for all that the gates of hell shall not prevail against us.

JAMES E. FERGUSON.

Man Must Climb to Woman's Level or She Must Drop to Standards of Sterner Sex

Here are some striking remarks taken from an interview with Mrs. Helen Berrett Montgomery, former president of the New York State Federation of Women's Clubs:

"There is a new era upon us. Women and girls insist upon going out into the full storm of temptation. This drinking, smoking and attempting to be pals with the men will shortly bring one result—women will lower themselves to the same standards of the men." "Women must be made to realize that the flaunting of her charms, even with no intent but to prove her power over men, is dangerous." "The men must climb to the standards they demand of the women, or the women will come down to their standards."

"If a young man marries he must expect his wife to take the same latitude he takes himself."

"The children today see and hear things at fourteen that the average man and woman might not know at fifty."

"You see young girls setting up a screen vampire, such as Theda Bara, as their ideal. They copy her shrugs, her styles, her way with the men. They become tough and hard."

"Thousands of boys are coming back from the war with their ideals of women lowered by their experience over sea. They no longer have a fear of vice. Their training has been that by proper precautions vice is not dangerous."

"With the change that the war has made among women, the situation is very delicate."

Hog Men From 6 States Bid Boar Price to \$10,200

Wonder Buster, the young bear at the head of the Webster L. Clay herd of Poland-Chinas, sold recently at Mr. Clay's disposition sale near Buncheon, Mo., to Head & Gray of Palmyra, Mo., for \$10,200. That is double what Wonder Buster brought two years ago, when he was sold at the W. B. Wallace disposition sale. The price is a record for Missouri. Wonder Buster was owned by W. B. Wallace, Houston Harto and F. C. Brickley in Ambia, Mo. He brought \$5,100 at that time. He is recognized as being one of the greatest sires of the breed. Hog men from six states were on the ground bidding for him. Six men bid on him up to \$5,000 and three stayed up to \$10,000.

Sugar Profiteers May Draw Prison Term for Offense

The first sugar profiteering conviction in the federal district which includes New York city, was secured a few days ago when Julius and Charles Roth, commission merchants, were found guilty by a jury of selling at 23 1/2 cents a pound sugar purchased at 9 1/2 cents a pound. Federal Judge Knox intimated that he would send the men to prison. "If the law is to have any salutary effect at all," Judge Knox said, "that can only be achieved by the imprisonment of persons convicted of profiteering in the necessities of life."

Short Skirts and Bare Arms Bring Censure by Pope

Fashions in women's garbs have drawn from Pope Benedict a protest and he caused to be printed in the press and to be proclaimed from the pulpits the condemnation of the church of "certain exaggerations of dress which now are in fashion." The Pope adds: "It fills us with surprise and consternation to observe that those who spread this poison appear ignorant of their evil action, as those who set fire to a house seem to ignore the destructive force of fire. We can only suppose that ignorance alone explains the deplorable extension of such fashions so contrary to modesty, which should be the most beautiful ornament of the Christian woman."

He exhorts women of the church to refrain from association with those who refuse to modify the present fashions in short skirts, bare arms and extremely low necks, and adds: "Every lady, no matter how much her social position, is in duty bound to refuse to receive visits from friends whose indecent exaggeration of dress offends modesty."

Bailey to Reach Dallas Saturday for Texas Tour

Former Senator Joseph Weldon Bailey is scheduled to leave Washington today, Nov. 20, for Texas, according to dispatches received by his friends in Fort Worth. He is expected to reach Dallas Saturday and after conference there with friends will announce his speaking dates. Houston, San Antonio and other points will be included in his speaking itinerary. Callous Proofreader. Market quotation on older by the jug, which an unrelenting proofreader would not let by: "Cider sixty-five cents a gallon, jag and all."—Kansas City Star.

RETURNS OF ELECTION TO BE GIVEN IN FORUM

Further returns from the election on proposed constitutional amendments November 4, confirm the first reports given by the correspondents for The Forum, that all amendments except that for an increase in the amount of pensions for Confederate veterans and that giving Galveston city and county permission to issue bonds for \$5,000,000 for additional seawall protection, were defeated.

The daily newspapers have ceased to make any mention of the returns from this election and never have shown returns from more than forty out of the 248 organized counties in the state. In a score or so of the counties no elections were held, but returns from the others have been available since November 15 at which date the county commissioners are supposed to have canvassed the returns and declared the results.

Returns for The Forum are coming in by mail and will be tabulated and given to the readers of this paper next week so they may learn just what the vote on each amendment in each county was and how crushingly the people voted down the grafting schemes of the university gang and the road hogs.

Information like this is of interest to all the population of Texas, totaling nearly five million persons, but the syndicated daily newspapers, owned, dominated and controlled by selfish interests, antagonistic to the interests of the plain people, have closed their columns to the publication of news and launched into a crusade to foist upon the country an objectionable and unpopular treaty that will embroil America into all manner of foreign entanglements.

The Forum will continue its mission of giving truthful and reliable news and will keep the people informed of what is going on that affects their interests.

Texas Oil Barons Join in Mad Rush to Buy Diamonds

The world has gone mad over precious stones. And Texas oil millionaires are in the front ranks of those who are buying diamonds and other gems at fancy prices. Diamonds that sold at \$100 a karat five years ago are selling now at \$600. Gems are moving from market to market in a volume never before known, and the demand is increasing daily.

People that never before indulged in such jewelry are buying with an eagerness that mounting prices does not even dampen. Countries that were hardest hit by the war are taking their places in the forefront of the gem buyers. Countries that have been traditionally indifferent are now enthusiastic purchasers.

Authority for these statements is found in statements from the principal importers of New York. Demands upon them, it was said, were steadily increasing in insistence but fulfillment is as steadily becoming more difficult.

Auto Taxes in Texas Will be \$1,350,000

Estimates made by the State Highway commission in response to a request from the federal bureau of roads at Washington is that revenues received by the Texas Highway Department from the automobile tax will amount to \$1,350,000 for 1919. The estimate does not include the portions of the tax retained by the various counties.

Humble Oil Co. Wins \$45,000,000 Oil Suit

The largest damage suit ever tried in Harris county, for \$45,000,000 on an alleged claim to 160 acres in the rich Landside tract of the Humble oil field, ended last week when Judge J. D. Harvey of the 18th district court at Houston ruled that the grant of A. Goldman, plaintiff, from the state of Texas had been allowed to lapse and was rescinded. Goldman had sued the Humble Oil company.

Forum Subscribers Are Asked to Help

Dear Mr. Ferguson: Find enclosed check for \$1.50 for which send the Forum to the enclosed address. Let me ask each subscriber to endeavor to get one new subscriber for The Forum between now and Jan. 1, 1920, even if you have to pay for it yourself and have it mailed to some one who you think will appreciate the favor.

I am elated over the result of the election held Nov. 4. It is another victory for the cause of good government and a signal vindication for the most maligned and the best governor Texas ever had—James E. Ferguson. Boys, some of the present little two by nothing legislators are almost sure to offer for reelection. Let us give them what they say "Paddy gave the drum."

And little Billie Hobby will look much better on the outside peeping in, after we get through with him.

W. T. LEWIS. Brookston, Texas, Nov. 8, 1919.

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HAPPINESS is a better follower than a leader, it walks in the train of Faith and Service.—Shakespeare.

"LET THOSE BE HAPPY NOW WHO NE'ER WERE HAPPY BEFORE—LET THOSE HAPPY ALWAYS, BE HAPPY NOW THE MORE."

HAPPINESS has survived the Fall!—Cowper.

Don't delay getting your poll tax paid.

Is that poll tax receipt in your pocket?

The People and the American Party are in the saddle.

Keep out of the primaries next summer, but pay your poll tax NOW!

"HAPPINESS is greater if, on Fortune's cap, we are not the very button."

Join the Forum family and watch and help the spread of the gospel of t. u. h.

Fix'd to no spot is HAPPINESS sincere, 'Tis nowhere to be found or everywhere.—Pope.

Latest reports are to the effect that there is no rush on the part of women to pay poll taxes.

HAPPINESS sought is good But given unsought is better.—Shakespeare.

Don't let your Forum be cut off. Renew your subscription early so that you will not miss a single issue.

"Condition or circumstance is not the thing, HAPPINESS is the same in subject or in king."

Keep the Forum as a weekly visitor in your home and you will know what the scheming politicians are trying to do.

There is even a HAPPINESS which makes the heart afraid.—Hood.

Several aspirants for office in Texas view with trepidation the decision of the American Party to keep out of the primaries.

If music be the food of HAPPINESS Play on! Give me the excess of it!—Shakespeare.

Get a poll tax receipt and vote the American Party ticket next year. It's candidates will be worthy your respect and confidence.

Soon Uncle Sam will be wanting the returns on your 1919 incomes. Then the profiteers will become humble and try to conceal their plunderings.

A HAPPY heart goes all the day, Your sad tires in a mile—a— —Shakespeare.

If you want more than 100,000 readers to know what you are advertising place your ad in The Forum, where you will get results by reaching the best class of buyers in the state.

The American Party is arousing interest all over the United States and its platform is receiving approval of those who believe in the rule of the people and not of the politicians.

O, how bitter a thing it is to look Into HAPPINESS through another man's eyes. —Shakespeare.

Follow up the splendid victory over the grafters and tax-eaters in the November election by providing yourself with a poll tax receipt to finish driving them from power and activity in 1920.

Another member of President Wilson's cabinet is to resign. This time it is Carter Glass, secretary of the treasury. The resignation of the postmaster general has not reached the president.

Results in the elections last May and on November 4 make it plain that the people are getting ready to resume control of the affairs of this state and that the doom of the little political crooks and grafters is written.

Old Johnson, the misfit lieutenant governor, says he will run for re-election. This will be pleasing to the voters of Texas who will show him their sentiments on the subject of "Home Life in the Granite Capitol at Austin."

It has been shown that an abundance of good wood can be laid down in San Antonio for \$7.50 a cord, yet the profiteering wood dealers of the Alamo City are fleecing their victims out of eighteen and twenty dollars a cord for wood.

The Forum readers gained a glorious victory. Now let all subscribers whose time is near out send in renewals and also send us one new subscriber to help increase the family of readers and our power for the good of the people.

President Wilson threatens to pocket the peace treaty and keep it locked up if the reservationist plan of the United States senate wins. The treaty will be less harmful securely kept under lock and key than under any other condition.

Former Senator Joe Bailey wasted a large amount of newspaper space exposing the sham and pretense of the attack made by the Texas Anti-Saloon head upon him. The Anti-Saloon gang loses no chance to get into the spotlight, regardless of truth.

Federal revenue officials assert that there are ten thousand bootleggers operating in Texas. It is a safe bet that they make the greater part of their sales to hypocritical pros, who always like solo-drinking and never indulged their appetite for whiskey in the open, even when its sale was legal.

Tom Campbell, former governor of the state, is said to be slated for one of the places on the new state board of control. Former Comptroller Terrell, who recently resigned his office, is another probable selection for this board. Terrell wants to run for governor but, perhaps, he may be induced to forego immediate candidacy by appointment to a nice \$5,000 a year job.

AMERICAN PARTY CANDIDATES TO COME FROM PEOPLE

Bear in mind the notice given by Senator W. P. Sebastian, chairman of the state executive committee of the American Party, that the voters of Texas will not lose their chance to exercise their choice in the selection of state, county and municipal officers, by staying out of the primary elections next year. He pledges the American Party to nominate a full and complete ticket "for every office in the state, from governor down," and adds that the men on this ticket will be men of ability and high character; men who love liberty and venerate the constitution.

Such assurance from a citizen of the high personal character and distinguished public service of Senator Sebastian carries conviction to the minds of every honest voter in the state that his pledges will be redeemed and that the candidates who may be named on the ticket for the American Party will be men in whom the people will have the fullest and strongest confidence. They will come from the ranks of the people and not from the horde of hungry and scheming politicians, who have for years, through the so-called democratic organization of the state, exploited and deceived the great masses of the people.

Consider what has been accomplished already through the new organization for the political redemption of Texas, which was born at Fort Worth, August 14, 1919, and christened the American Party of the United States. Through the alignment of thousands of liberty loving citizens with this party, guided and counseled by The Forum, which now is in its third year of battle for the rights of the people, the forces of iniquity, which have sought to increase the burdens of the taxpayers and waste their money in lavish appropriations and grafting road contracts, have been routed, scattered and thrown into panic.

The election results in which the five tax-raising amendments were lost, are to be credited largely to the work of the members of the American Party who followed the advice of The Forum in marking their tickets.

Fresh from this victory at the polls let the members of the American Party take courage for the greater struggle in which they are to engage next year, when state, county and municipal officers are to be chosen and electors named who will be commissioned to cast the electoral vote of Texas for a candidate for the presidency of the United States. By united action, by harmony and co-operation, the American Party electors will be successful in this contest of national scope and within the state the present administration of embezzlers of power and scuffers of the will of the people will be ended forever and the reins of state government again will be placed in the hands of trusted, true and faithful public servants, who will take their instructions from the people and not from the bosses and the plundering interests of capital and oppression.

Truly the dawn of the return of liberty and the redemption of a great state from political thralldom is at hand and when the radiant rays of the risen sun of restoration of free government and obedience to constitutional provisions, break forth in all their glory, they will shine upon a happy and prosperous people, whose redemption has been brought about by one of the most popular political upheavals in the history of Texas. Join the American Party now and share in the glory of the task to which it has set itself.

The federal judges are widely at variance on the subject of war time prohibition and its enforcement. In Rhode Island and in Kentucky they have held the law of no effect, while in Chicago and several other places the judges have upheld the law and refused injunctions to halt its enforcement.

Austin landlords and boarding house keepers are reveling in wealth as one result of the increased attendance at the university. It is a dull season when an Austin boarding house keeper does not prosper. By the way; there is a dense silence lately about that new hotel in Austin that almost was assured.

With the philanthropic packers going into the hotel business to supplement their meagre (?) profits what chance has a wholesaler to do business in his line? Through control of hotels the packers are enabled to force sales of their products and in that respect come into actual competition with each other.

A Dallas profiteer who bought beet sugar at less than ten cents a pound and charged his customers twenty-five cents a pound for it, has been arrested and is at liberty under bonds in the sum of \$2,500. It would have a better effect on him and those of his predatory character if it had been a fine of \$2,500 he had been forced to pay.

News comes from Austin that there will be no special session of the legislature. There is no need. About all another special session of the power-embezzling Thirty-sixth legislature could do would be to escort the corpse of their defeated and crushed hopes of university and road graft to the grave prepared by the votes of an intelligent and patriotic people.

Sugar profiteers have run afoul the federal courts in several instances, but the plunder of the consumer has been but little checked. Swift retribution for heartless and cowardly thieves who prey upon the necessities of the people is the only thing that will check their depredations and give any sort of relief.

The Esch railroad bill, which further curtails the power of the states over the railroads operating within their limits, has been passed by the lower branch of congress, but the attempt of an Illinois congressman to tack on a provision abolishing the "Jim Crow" law, was defeated by a vote of 142 to 12. Northern republicans voted almost solidly against this amendment.

Snyder Carlton, member the national democratic committee from Texas, seems to have had enough of the Hobby-Wolfe, Crane-Anti-Saloon league brand of politics and has resigned from the committee. Carlton was one of the chief contributors to the success of the present head of the state government. Apparently he is tired of contemplation of his handiwork and is ready to turn his back upon it.

The announcement from State Chairman W. P. Sebastian that the American Party will put a full ticket in the field in the next election has caused much unrest and anxiety in the camp of the political wisecracks, who are trying to guess now where they will have to head in. Some of the big chiefs, whose counsel often has aided in shaping democratic campaigns in this state, are disturbed by the growth of the American Party and they are beginning to hunt cover.

In a congressional contest in the Fifth Oklahoma district in which the democratic candidate made his race upon support of the League of Nations and the policies of President Wilson and the republican candidate opposed the league, the latter was elected by a majority of 930 votes. This is another proof that the people are not in favor of the league, because this district normally is democratic, but the conservative democrats voted for the republican in order to establish their attitude toward the plan for a league of nations.

Speaker Thompson discussing his candidacy for governor told a meeting of a political club at El Paso that one of the planks in his platform, when he makes formal announcement of his candidacy, will be a promise to take the University of Texas "out of the hands of the politicians." As Thomason achieved his chief political prominence, through dragging the university into politics and is relying on the university faction and its political henchmen for support, the people will be tardy about putting any great amount of confidence in this promise. As long as the university stays at Austin and the present gang of political misfits run the state government so long will it be a creature of politics and a burden upon the taxpayers of Texas.

HAPPINESS

True happiness has no localities. No tones provincial; no peculiar garb. Where duty goes, she goes; with justice too, And always with charity and love; Where'er a tear needs drying or wounded heart craves comfort, Or bruised spirit calls for sympathy's fine anointment; Or a pang of honest suffering needs the soothing touch, Happiness lives where'er a pious act is done. A pious prayer, or wish or hope For there she gives her sacred light, Descending, rests upon us, sweet and satisfied.

NOW

BY G. W. WORTHEN.

Look not with mourning on the past, It comes not back again— The course of time, with portents vast, Moves on in endless train.

Thine only is the present time; The future, dimly seen, Go meet with earnest thought sublime, With holy faith serene.

To wisdom gain, we view the past, To live aright today, Thus, step by step, true progress make Along life's shining way.

CLEAR WEATHER RELIGION

Prayers for clear weather and no rain during the month of November will be delivered by pastors of all Baptist churches in Texas, Sunday, Nov. 9, in the interest of the Southern Baptist \$75,000,000 Campaign.—Dallas News.

Now what do you think of that? Just think of the Baptist's weakening on water. If they can get the coin then water is alright. If the coin is not forthcoming, then even waters of baptism won't do. Yea, verily, the old saying that money makes the mare go, applies to Baptists, as well as to horses. It is quite evident that salvation is no longer free and a seat in heaven is soon to cost as much as a seat on the New York stock exchange.

This Baptist prayer gives us some valuable information about modern religion. It is quite evident that these Baptist pastors don't care how much the weather hurts other people just so they get their Seventy-five Million.

They are not going to and did not, on the 9th pray to God to save the farmers' cotton and grain that were being destroyed in the fields, that he might need to pay his debts and feed and clothe his family, but they asked God to save that part that might be given to their \$75,000.00.

Last year, and year before last, we did not hear anything about prayers to bring us rains to relieve our distress and none now—but, oh God! give us preachers seventy-five million. A funny proposition to go to God with, ain't it?

Now, let us be plain about this praying for rain and praying for money business. In my opinion the whole thing is sacrilegious, and these preachers know it.

If God has anything to do with the rain then He knows when to send it. If God is God then He knows when we should be cursed with a drought and blessed with a rain. I dare any of these dry weather Baptists to deny this power of God. Therefore any attempt to change God's plan is sacrilegious.

If God don't have anything to do with the rain then these designing preachers should not play upon the superstition of the people to extort from them their sustenance.

In my opinion it will be a whole lot better to let God run His business and a whole lot cheaper to keep the preachers out of the Seventy-five Million business.

JAS. E. FERGUSON.

It is not too early to pay your poll tax.

Advertise in the Forum and Texans will know what you have to sell or may want to buy.

Judging from some of the "staff" articles in the alleged big dailies, there are several pieces of gubernatorial timber drifting about the state waiting to be corralled and placed on the track in the great "free-for-all" that will mark the campaign of 1920. The time seems to have arrived when a nomination in the "democratic" primaries, will no longer be a guarantee of election at the general poll in November next year.

The Dal-Gal News, mortified over the shattering of its little political idol, who rattles around in the executive office at Austin, gives him a real sharp rap on the wrist because he dared pardon a man over whose case the members of the board of pardon advisers were unable to agree. Poor old News! 'Twas ever unfortunate in its choice of political favorites and always has managed to get on the other side from that of the real people and their interest.

The Beeville Bee in reproducing and commenting upon the statement published by the Houston Chronicle retracting and apologizing for its scandalous and libelous reports about James E. Ferguson in the 1918 campaign, says: "The Bee reproduces it herewith for the edification of some of our local friends who assailed the ex-governor with a great deal of venom. We wonder what they think about it now, especially those who relied religiously upon the columns of the Chronicle for campaign 'thunder'."

Evidence that the women of Texas do not care for the ballot multiplies. In San Antonio, where the poll tax payments by men run as high as 28,000, and where the number of women is approximately the same as the number of men, only 130 poll taxes have been paid by women. This in spite of the fact that the club women of San Antonio have organized a Woman's City committee which is on duty every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at the court house to chaperon women who wish to pay poll taxes, to assist them in filling out applications and to encourage them to qualify themselves as voters. In Harris county, which has a voting strength about equal to that of Bexar county, in which San Antonio is located, only twenty women have paid poll taxes and six have admitted being over sixty years old and drawn exemption certificates. The rate of poll tax payments by women in Dallas and Tarrant counties is no larger than in Bexar and Harris. The conclusion is inevitable that Texas women do not care for the ballot, and that is what the Forum has said all the time. Let the record speak.

Tenant Farmers May Earn Homes in Texas

The ideal condition for farming is where the owner of the land lives on it and cultivates it. There are many reasons why the land owner may be a useful citizen. But this does not mean that tenants cannot be very useful citizens; many of them are. There are greater opportunities for tenants to earn homes than many of them realize.

A country that has a large per cent of tenants generally is a very rich country, agriculturally speaking. The fact that there are many tenants shows that the lands must be rich, the living conditions at least reasonably favorable, with opportunities for tenants to buy and pay for homes.

This is especially true in the southwest where so many tenants from other states have come to begin life's duties and paid for homes.

Tenants in the southwest are fortunate in that there are farms to rent and farms for sale. There are many localities less favorable for paying for homes than Texas and other states of the southwest.—Farm and Ranch.

There's a Difference. "How can I be successful in life, Uncle Jim?"

"Let me understand you, boy. Do you want rules for being successful in life, or do you merely want a formula for getting rich?"—Kansas City Journal.

"Where's the tape line?" "I don't know exactly," responded mother. "What do you want with it?"

"I was just reading over the measurements of the Venus de Milo," explained daughter with some embarrassment.—Kansas City Journal.

PUN AND PUNCTURE

"Why do you want to be an aviator Ace?" "Because dad says aces beats kings."

Said Pope: "Fix'd to no spot is HAPPINESS sincere."

Some prose writers go from bad to verse.

Said Cotton:—If solid HAPPINESS we prize, Within our breast a jewel lies.

If the average capitalist's face was his fortune, he wouldn't have to pay an income tax.

A day off is often followed by an off day.

The soft coal miners seem determined to make it hard for the consumer.

The best way to capture a moon-shiner is to go on a still hunt.

Colonel Roosevelt's young son one day came into his father's office at the White House: "What do you do here all day, father?" he asked

"O, nothing," smilingly answered the Colonel

"Well, then," asked the boy, "how do you know when you are done?"

"Boy! Boy!" he called to the elevator conductor, "what is this smell of fresh paint?"

"Just wait a minute, sir. These two young ladies are waiting for the next car."

Yesterday must not be an enemy of tomorrow.

"She had twenty million dollars placed in bonds and stocks and rents! He had forty million dollars. So, they merged their sentiments. Now, they've raised a son, whose value is exactly thirty cents."

Visitor.—It is wonderful to see you so cheerful with so many wounds on your head.

Wounded Optimist.—It is a very cheering to wake up in the morning and find that you still have a head to have wounds on.

AMERICA'S BIG WIND

It will not be the Senate's fault if 1919 is not known to history as the year of America's big wind.—New York World.

END AND MEANS

It doesn't matter much whether our bolshevik is prosecuted under federal or state laws provided the much desired result is attained.—New York Herald.

MATTER OF SYSTEM

The same system which permits J. Pierpont Morgan to wear \$600 underwear saves the rest of us to cut off our moustaches so we can smoke our cigars shorter.—Sealy News.

DEMOGOGUES REBUKED

The Review is of the opinion that the people who toll and pay taxes have no confidence whatever in the bunch of political conspirators at the head of state affairs. That is why these amendments failed and that is why all the schemes to raise the taxes and issue bonds will fail. When men resort to low political demagogues to get into office, the thinking people will closely watch their maneuvers after they get in.—Chico Review.

PEOPLE UNDERSTOOD

The people defeated the amendments because they DID understand them. The time has passed when you can run things roughshod over the men of Texas, and tax them out of their boots, just by abusing them, and calling them ignoramuses. There is mere intelligence in the little finger of "The Man from the Cedar Brakes," and a broader view of life and its great problems in one of his eyes than is comprehended in the entire membership of the legislative Assean stable, combined with all the alleged wisdom of every autocrat-controlled editorial "sanctum" in Texas.—Ozona Stockman.

Impossible Fiction.

The pretty young wife, passing the shop window display of new spring hats, turned her eyes in the opposite direction and passed on, refusing to stop to notice them.

Receiving a communication written with a dull lead pencil on both sides of the paper the editor smiled and began reading it.

The head of the family, having just received a bill for his wife's and daughter's new Easter hats, chuckled to himself and nodded approvingly.

Getting up suddenly in the middle of the night the man rushed through the darkness and managed to elude every piece of furniture in the room. Picking up the first hat she came to the young woman tried it on, paid for it and walked out of the store without a word.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

Up to Him.

Young Jimson had a reputation to keep up. He was regarded as a great "oil."

So one morning, when an unpopular professor set the class to write an essay on "Manners," Jimson sprang to his feet.

"May we write on 'Bad Manners?'" he asked amid titters. "Certainly," replied the professor blandly. "Just write about what you know best."—Edinburgh Scotsman.

CLASSIFIED SECTION

Rates and Rules for Classified Advertising. Rate, 2 cents a word each insertion, each number, word or initial counts a word.

FEMALE HELP WANTED.

WANTED—WOMAN, middle aged, who will appreciate good home to help with housekeeping and general housework for family of four.

COTTON SEED.

SHOULD any farmer desire Mehane Seed for planting purposes, I am in a position to furnish them at \$3.00 per bushel, delivered.

PLANTS AND ONION SETS

HARDY OPEN grown plants. Bermuda onion sets or plants, postpaid; 500, \$1.25; 1,000, \$2.00; leading varieties Frostproof Cabbage, 500, \$1.50; 1,000, \$2.50; Klondike Strawberries, 100, \$1.00; 500, \$4.00; 1,000, \$8.50.

STRAWBERRY PLANTS—All best sorts, Excelior, Klondike, Dunlap, Lady Thompson. Plant now, 100 plants, \$1.10; 300, \$3; 500, \$4.75; 1000, \$8.00. All prepaid anywhere.

FROST-PROOF Cabbage Plants: \$2.75 per thousand; \$1.50 per five hundred. Prepaid parcel post. Sunny Crest Plant Farm, Ponta, Texas.

LIVE STOCK.

CHOICE Highly Bred Calves—12 heifers and two bulls, beautifully marked and from heavy producing dams. \$25 each. Safe delivery guaranteed. Fernwood Farms, Wauwatosa, Wis.

DUROC HOGS FOR SALE

I HAVE sold all my registered hogs which I offered for sale and could have sold more if I had them. However I have about twenty gilts, all farrowed about January 20 of this year, and fifteen males.

DUROC JERSEY BOARS—I have only a few boars left. These I am anxious to sell by Dec. 1, to make room for my young pigs.

POULTRY

A FINE BUNCH of May-hatched Brown Leghorn cockerels for sale. \$2 each. G. Kleypas, R. 3, Lott, Tex.

FULL-BLOOD Single Comb White Leghorn cockerels. Best of breeding from heavy laying strain. Price \$2 each. J. M. Tatum, Barry, Tex.

SINGLE Comb Brown Leghorns, cocks and cockerels, \$2 and \$3 each. Satisfaction guaranteed. Sunny Crest Poultry Farm, Ponta, Texas.

GIANT Bronze Turkeys—The kind that is bronze, Toms, \$7.50; hens, \$5. N. H. Workman, Route 4, Blum, Texas.

WANTED—To exchange one fine Cornish cockerel, pure bred (dark fowl), for two pure bred pullets, same breed. Also want to buy setting of eggs, same breed. Mr. Fisher Alsop, Temple, Route 2.

MAMMOTH BRONZE TURKEYS—Gentle range raised, May hatch. Toms weigh 24 to 25; hens 18 to 20 pounds. Toms \$8, Hens \$5. A. C. Brown, Route 4, San Saba, Tex.

MONEY TO LEND

MONEY TO LOAN—Farms, stock farms and ranches, most every county in state, 6 per cent interest and upward; can advance \$70 per acre on highly improved black land; vendor's lien notes purchased and extended. Give us an opportunity to serve you. W. E. Hall Investment Co., Phone Lamar 6661, 413 1-2 Main St., Fort Worth, Texas.

PECANS.

PECANS FOR SALE—14 cents per pound f.o.b. Sterling City, Texas. In 100 pound lots. ROBERT BROWN, Sterling City, Texas.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

132 ACRES in Washington county cheap. Well improved. For further particulars, see or write Ed Tom, R. No. 8, Brenham, Texas.

TRACTORS

FOR SALE—One Tractor (Big Bull). In good condition. Two large for our small farm. Price, \$550 cash, with trade on cattle or young milks; or feed, viz: hay, corn, oats, maize heads. Box 226, Dickinson, Tex.

Platform of the American Party

This nation can be perpetuated only by the eternal vigilance of the people for their liberties and by an eternal devotion to the idea of true Americanism. All government, state and national, should confine itself to the legitimate functions of government and leave the field of industry and labor to the individual.

1. We demand liberal pensions for needy and disabled soldiers in the late war and likewise for their wives and dependent parents and sisters.

2. We are opposed to national woman suffrage. We demand that amendments to the Federal Constitution hereafter be submitted to the people and approved by a majority vote.

3. We are opposed to national prohibition. Certainly the people can and will undo what has been done without their consent, and while the boys were fighting in foreign lands.

4. We are opposed to the adoption of the League of Nations until more fully understood by the people and until same is ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the states, elected by the people hereafter.

5. We reaffirm and reconsecrate our allegiance to the principle that there must not be any mix or mingle of church and state; to the principle that religious liberty and freedom should be as certain and sacred as political freedom and that the government should guarantee both.

6. We demand penitentiary punishment for those who form or operate a trust or other arrangement designed to fix the price at which the farmer or other producer shall sell or at which the toiling consumers shall buy.

7. We demand that labor shall receive its just reward and a living wage.

8. We demand that capital shall receive its just protection and treatment. We must not be intimidated by one or profited by the other.

9. We demand the return of the railroads to their owners to be regulated by the states in state operation and by the Interstate Commerce Commission in interstate operation; each jurisdiction to be respected and observed.

10. We demand that the Federal Farm Loan Act be so amended so as to permit loans to small home owners who live on the land to the amount of nine-tenths of the value of the land.

11. We demand that the Federal Reserve Bank be so amended so as to permit loans to small home owners who live on the land to the amount of nine-tenths of the value of the land.

12. We call upon the citizens of the United States to meet in their respective precincts in convention assembled and endorse this platform, perfect necessary organization and prepare to send proper delegations to their respective county conventions which in turn shall send delegations to a state convention which in turn shall send delegations to a national convention which will be called, 1920 by an executive committee to be named by this convention. Representation to be on a basis of population.

13. We pledge our lives, our property and our sacred honor to the cause which we have proclaimed, and to the flag which we have raised.

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BEST AND MOST FORCEFUL PAPER.

Gov. Jas. E. Ferguson: Enclosed you will find my check to renew my subscription to the Ferguson Forum THIS BEST AND MOST FORCEFUL PAPER PUBLISHED IN TEXAS TODAY.

Dear Governor—Enclosed you will find renewal of my subscription and four new subscribers. The Forum is just fine. I do not want to be without it. I also stand with the American Party and hope that we will smother them out in 1920. Keep on giving them what they deserve.

Yours truly, EMIL JENNELKA. Moulton, Texas. (We may do so.—Editor.)

FROM INDEPENDENCE. Dear Governor—Enclosed you will find renewal of my subscription and four new subscribers. The Forum is just fine. I do not want to be without it. I also stand with the American Party and hope that we will smother them out in 1920. Keep on giving them what they deserve.

Yours truly, H. W. GRAEBER. Independence, Texas. (Glad to hear from the good old town of Independence.—Editor.)

BAILEY NEXT GOVERNOR. Dear Governor (Ought to be)—I am with you from A to Z and I am an AMERICAN PARTY MAN and want to see JOE BAILEY OUR NEXT GOVERNOR. I have five boys. Three voted for you. One was in FRANCE so he did not vote for you. I am in FAVOR OF A DAILY PAPER to advocate our cause. I expect to pass through Temple shortly and if possible I will stop off to see you. I am an old Confederate soldier and am OF THE OPINION AS YOU ON THE AMENDMENTS.

Yours respectfully, JOHN A. FOWLKES. Schulenburg, Texas. (We will be glad to see you, and know you are right, on the amendments.—Editor.)

A FRIEND TO THE POOR. My Dear Friend—You have always BEEN A FRIEND TO THE POOR MAN. I have voted for you every time you ran and intend to stay with you. I never saw but I feel that you are indeed the best friend for GOVERNOR Texas ever had. I AM WITH THE PRINCIPLES LAID DOWN IN THE AMERICAN PARTY and will heartily give it my support. Yours with sincere friendship, E. H. RALSTON. Waxahatchie, Texas. (The American Party is glad to have your support.—Editor.)

THE LOST PARTY. Ferguson Forum: As I have been a silent reader of the Forum for some time, I shall write sending my pledge to the principles of THE AMERICAN PARTY. It seems that next year will be the time for the toiling masses of our state to extricate themselves from the clutches of the greatest political monster that the state has ever known. The highest tax rate of all history, and the brazen nerve to ask the good but somewhat deluded people to vote upon themselves and their unborn a 75,000,000 bond issue to build high-priced roads for the big bugs to ride over, when the hard-working masses either walk or don't go. Time to call a halt, now, by living

with the right principles of good government, so strongly enunciated by the AMERICAN PARTY. I see that Brother Pyle of Belton Journal has advertised for a lost party. If he will just get a copy of the Forum and read it, he will find it (lost party) to his satisfaction. Suggest that you mail him a copy of the Forum. Yours for success, TOM J. TAYLOR. Salado, Texas. (Yes, it is time to call a halt and we also believe we can locate "the lost party."—Editor.)

HELP THE FARMERS. Dear Governor—I must address you as such for we have no governor at present. My father takes the Forum, and I read it and like it—think it is the only paper. We live on a farm. I help in the field and I do not think it a disgrace to work, but if you can do anything to help the farmer, please do. My father is a Jim and a Joe man. He has voted for you every time and hope to see you governor next year and Joe Bailey president. I hope to see the Forum a daily soon. Sincerely, BILL MCCARTY. Route 2, Box 36, Lamesa, Texas. (The is nothing we had rather do than help the farmers. We have always done what we could for them and expect to continue.—Editor.)

SUCCESS TO THE AMERICAN PARTY. Mr. James E. Ferguson: Dear Governor—Enclosed find my signed pledge to the American Party and herewith my hearty endorsement and also my support to the same. Yours for a howling success to the American Party. W. T. BROOKS. Caradan, Texas. (With the endorsement of so many noble men we feel that we will win.—Editor.)

BLUE RIDGE LEGISLATURE AND CONSTITUTION. Hon. J. E. Ferguson: Dear Governor—I fully endorse the principles adopted at Fort Worth Aug. 14, 1919, and I herewith enclose my pledge to support the American Party. Am straight from the shoulder with the American Party and its grand platform. Place me where the battle is hot for we are ready to meet the BLUE RIDGE LEGISLATORS that have no regard for the constitution. I SAY LET THE PEOPLE HAVE A SAY SO. As ever your friend, WILL W. WALCHER. Welmar, Texas. (No, the Blue Ridge legislature did not regard the constitution.—Editor.)

LOOK FOR THE TRUTH. Gov. James E. Ferguson: Dear Governor—Enclosed find check for new subscribers. We are certainly pleased with the way you are giving us the truth. You have a fine lot of friends here who are glad to have the opportunity of knowing something of how things are being done at Austin. We are going to look to you for the truth. Your friend, A. J. METCALF. Peacock, Texas. (And you are certainly going to receive the truth from us.—Editor.) (Other Letters on Page 4.—Editor.)

More Liberal Terms on Soldier Policies. A series of decisions issued by the Director of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury provides more liberal conditions for reinstatement of lapsed or cancelled insurance.

The provisions of Treasury Decision No. 47, allowing eighteen months from the date of discharge for reinstatement upon payment of only two months' premiums on the amount of insurance to be reinstated, are retained. The decision is liberalized, however, by a new provision that men out of the service are permitted to reinstate by merely paying the two months' premiums without making a statement as to health at any time within three calendar months following the month of discharge.

After the three months following the date of discharge have elapsed, a statement from the applicant to the effect that he is in as good health as at the date of discharge or at the expiration of the grace period, which ever is the later date, will be required together with a written application for reinstatement and the tender of two months' premiums on the amount of insurance he wishes to reinstate.

In order to give all former service men whose insurance has lapsed or been canceled, a fair chance to reinstate their insurance, including men who have been out of the service eighteen months or more, and who are therefore barred from reinstatement under the former ruling, a special blanket ruling is made which allows all ex-service men to reinstate their insurance before Dec. 31, 1919, provided that each applicant is in as good health as at date of discharge or at expiration of the grace period, whichever is the later date, and so states in his application. Of course it is necessary that he tender the two months' premiums on the amount of insurance he wishes to reinstate.

Service men who reinstated their insurance by payment of all back premiums prior to July 25, 1919, when the decision requiring payment of only two months' premiums went into effect, upon written application to the bureau may have any premiums paid in excess of two applied toward the payment of future premiums. For example, if after a policy had lapsed for six months, a man reinstated and paid six months' premiums instead of two, he may secure credit for four months' premiums.

The provisions for reinstatement do not protect a man until he actually reinstates. If he waits he may not be in as good health as he was at the time of discharge and consequently may not be able to secure reinstatement.

Will the bond holders perform their simple duty, as nobly as did the sons of the common people, and receive from the grateful hearts of 99,999,999 people the plaudits "Well done, thou good and true, and 100 per cent pure Americans and citizens." Make Uncle Sam a "Thanksgiving or Christmas present" of every war bond. Be patriots and Americans. "Do thy duty, that which lies nearest to thee, and which thou knowest to be thy duty, and the rest will be cleared up." ONE OF THE COMMON PEOPLE. Corsicana, Texas.

Woodmen Demand Referendum Vote on Higher Rates

Petitions are being circulated among the membership of the Woodmen of the World in Temple, throughout Bell county and, in fact, all over the state for a referendum vote of the members of the order upon the proposed changes in the constitution and by-laws, submitted at the convention of the Sovereign Camp of the Woodmen of the World, at Chicago, in July, 1919.

The petitions are directed especially against the increase in the rates in insurance which will result from the action of the Chicago convention, unless the referendum vote is taken.

There is great opposition in Texas to the raise in rates and the petitions are being signed numerously and those in charge of these petitions request the Forum to make known their purpose to those members of the Woodmen who may not have been presented with a petition with the request that they hunt up their officers and sign the petition.

The Woodmen of the World has a large membership throughout this state and there have been several meetings held for the discussion of the new rates and other changes in the constitution and by-laws of the order, with the result that the demand has been made that the salaries of the national officers of the order remain as they were before the Chicago meeting and at one meeting held in Fort Worth these officers were asked to resign.

Efforts are being made to reach all the Texas membership with these petitions for a referendum and all who have been given the opportunity to date have signed the demand for referendum. Thousands of copies of the petition are being circulated in every section of Texas.

A Swedish law requires that wood alcohol be colored so that it can be distinguished from grain alcohol instantly.

ALL VARIETIES OF FROST PROOF CABBAGE PLANTS. Shipped C. O. D. \$2.50 per 1000. Write for prices in large quantities.

ROSENBERG PLANT FARM.

The Chance to Lose Oil Co.

CAPITAL \$200,000.00

A joint stock association began drilling last week with brand new machinery and equipment on 2000 acres, all in a square block, just 25 miles east of Houston on Cedar Bayou, in Liberty County, Texas.

This is a wildcat gamble pure and simple and you have more chances to lose than you have to win.

We haven't got any salt domes nor escaping gas, nor asphalt on top of the ground and we have not hired any petroleum geologists to write any high flown big word report to deceive you into investing your money with us with the idea that you have got a clutch on getting rich.

Our land is 6 miles northwest of Barbers Hill; is 17 miles southeast of Humble; is 18 miles north of Goose Creek; is 25 miles west of Hull. Thus surrounded by these famous fields which have and are now producing millions in oil, we offer you this stock as a good gamble for a small amount of money to make a big speculation.

\$100 may make you \$10,000. \$100 recently invested in the Hog Creek Company made \$23,000.

Shares \$25.00 each. Liberty Bonds taken at face value. PREACHER SUBSCRIPTIONS CONFIDENTIAL. Remit direct to Mr. E. J. Hussion, 1016 Capitol Avenue, Houston, Texas, or to Jas. E. Ferguson, Temple, Texas. You have your interest in every well we drill. We guarantee you a square deal, but do not guarantee oil.

W. R. DULANEY, E. H. COOMBS, E. J. HUSSON, GEORGE NALLE, JAS. E. FERGUSON, Trustees.

FOR SALE—600-ACRE STOCK FARM

500 acres of as rich land as there is in Texas. Very suitable for Hogs, Cattle and Sheep; also all suitable for farming—125 acres in cultivation. Artesian well, 3 houses, 150 acres under hog fence. Sandy loam—about 15,000 cords of wood on it—7 miles from Lexington, Texas. Fifty dollars per acre.

Address Box 365, Temple, Texas.

Bell County Oil Company

Capital \$100,000.00

We own leases on 5600 acres that belong to the Company, and each stockholder shares in this large acreage.

Our well is down 990 feet and cased with ten-inch casing, and work well in hand, and drilling on one of the most pronounced structures to be found in the state, and this well defined and exposed structure has been favorably passed on by six of our best Geologists.

The Company has a bond from Will Rancier of Killeen to dig this well 3000 feet deep if necessary to get oil in paying quantities.

Mr. Rancier has been in the banking business at Killeen for 23 years, and has made a lot of money at Desdemona, in Eastland county, and is now in the oil business exclusively, and devoting all his time to it.

He is serving without any salary, and every shareholder has a square deal, and if we get oil as we believe we will get, every hundred dollars invested in this stock should be worth from ten to thirty thousand dollars.

Shares are \$100.00 each, and if you want to get in on a real good chance to make money, you will use the blank below.

Bell County Oil Company, Belton, Texas. Gentlemen:

Enclosed find check for \$..... for..... shares stock in the Bell County Oil Co. Please issue the certificates in name of..... My address is.....

Town.....

State.....

There are to be sold only five thousand dollars' worth, and if your order gets here after this is sold, your money will be returned to you.

WHERE THE PEOPLE DECIDE

(Since The Forum is the place WHERE THE PEOPLE DECIDE all questions discussed, a department in this paper is devoted to the PEOPLE'S DISCUSSION. Letters, comments, opinions and discussions are invited from our readers. The Editor and published when space will permit. THESE COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE PUBLISHED REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE WRITER AGREES OR DISAGREES WITH US. THROUGH THE FORUM WE WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPINIONS, VIEWS OR CONCLUSIONS EXPRESSED. MAKE COMMUNICATIONS BRIEF. Address all to People's Discussion Editor, Ferguson Forum, Temple, Texas.)

IMPORTANT!

The editor of "Where the People Decide," again wishes to state to our subscribers, and especially to those who have sent letters to this DEPARTMENT, that space has forbidden the appearance of many excellent, and appreciated communications. We are using them as rapidly as we can, using all available space, and we wish to advise our friends that every communication is appreciated. Hundreds of letters are received every week and we would publish all, if that were possible.—EDITOR.

ANOTHER GREAT YEAR FOR US.

Dear Governor Ferguson:—I read in the FORUM that another anniversary has been passed by this needed publication. I trust that you are receiving renewals, and that every man who in his heart really wants good government, will RENEW HIS SUBSCRIPTION TO THE PAPER, or become a subscriber at once.

Without this paper, THE FERGUSON FORUM, we would not have heard your voice of defense of the people, their rights, and their supremacy. The daily newspapers of this state refused to publish your appeals, your policies and your doctrine. THE FERGUSON FORUM has become wider and broader in circulation than all Texas papers combined.

Let another GREAT YEAR COME TO US! Do not neglect it, but SUBSCRIBE now for Ferguson's paper. A supporter now and always.

Dallas, Texas.
TOM PEAL.

AMENDMENTS.

Dear Governor Ferguson:—I want to say this: You are the great deliverer, once more. IT WAS YOUR FORUM THAT DEFEATED THE UNJUST AMENDMENTS NOVEMBER 4, and carried the Confederate and the Galveston bond amendment. Your little paper is the best piece of printed matter in this state. It is a mercy, a protection and a "SHELTER IN THE TIME OF STORM." Had it not been for your righteous determination that the people should not be imposed upon, we, the people, would have been forced to submit TO THE ROBBERY OF ROAD-BUILDING and its continuous graft. Now, we are saved and YOU SAVED US. Every man in this state who has any appreciation in his heart or brains in his head should TAKE THE FORUM, spread his gospel and see that it becomes the greatest paper ever printed. Your grateful follower.

T. B. PRESCOTT.
Route 2, Dallas, Texas.
(The people can be trusted to do right. We know they would defeat those amendments.—Editor.)

FERGUSON SUCCESS RAPID.

Dear Governor Ferguson:—It looks like SUCCESS IS UPON YOU! You have just saved the people from voting the wrong way by teaching and helping them take your FORUM in regard to the "amendments" voted on Nov. 4. THIS ACTION OF THE PEOPLE IS A FERGUSON VICTORY!

A few weeks ago you obtained PUBLIC REFRACTION OF UNTRUTHFUL STATEMENTS from the Houston CHRONICLE, together with a good round sum of money. THE PEOPLE OF HOUSTON KNOW ALL ABOUT THIS AND WE ARE GLAD. Not long ago, you obtained JUDGMENT AGAINST THE HOUSTON POST. May you receive thousands for the barbarous, savage treatment which the paper gave to you! In the reading before this last, it was you thro' the columns of your paper, that led the people TO DEFEAT WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE. Also to defeat HOME OWNERSHIP. You have done what no Texas has yet done—YOU HAVE ORGANIZED A NATIONAL POLITICAL PARTY. Texas is squarely behind you, never fear. Your morning of power and success is upon you. May we all go to Washington to see you inaugurated president of these United States. The day, I believe, is coming.

Your friend,
AMOS BOSTICK.
Houston, Texas.
(We feel much encouraged in the manner in which our friends stay with us.—Editor.)

OKLAHOMA FRIENDS READ CHRONICLE.

Gov. Jas. E. Ferguson:—My Dear Sir.—Some of your Texas friends—a good number of them—live in Oklahoma City. We read the "take it all back" of the big South Texas paper, The Houston Chronicle, and WE ARE ALL GLAD that there is, after all, such a thing AS GIVING A MAN JUSTICE. They admitted absolutely, that they had misrepresented, spoken without knowledge, and had wronged a good man. SUE EVERY LIBELOUS LIAR "WHAT ATTEMPTS TO DAMAGE YOU" in your paper as big as the Chronicle can not afford to resort to such measures. The people WILL NOT stand for it.

Your true friend,
RAMON P. MARTIN.
Oklahoma City, Okla.
(Glad hear from our Oklahoma friends.—Editor.)

"BIG DALLIES" SILENT.

Dear Governor Jim Ferguson:—The "big dallies" so far as I have seen, are silent, editorially, upon the PEOPLE'S ACTION OF NOVEMBER THE 4. The people showed the grafters that they were determined not to be grafted. They showed them that

Galveston had a right to the bonds and the old Confed's to their increase, but they had no idea of throwing away money on roads, or of having a new constitution. To hear that crowd whine about the C-O-N-S-T-I-T-U-T-I-O-N, makes me sick. They simply want to put more jump holes in it. Holes that fit their own particular talents for sneaking out. When they attempted to "IMPEACH" the first real great man that had occupied the governor's chair in fifteen years, they showed how little they knew or cared for the so-called constitution.

Texas can thank you for this salvation from unjust amendments, for you spoke, through your paper, and WARNED THE PEOPLE.

The "big dallies" don't mention it, but it won't be the last victory that you will have.

EVERLASTING SUCCESS TO YOU AND THAT PAPER OF YOURS!

Respectfully and truly,
J. K. LAMBERTON.
Wichita Falls, Texas.

KEEP THE BALL ROLLING.

Dear Governor:—I hereby express my approval of the principles and the platform of the AMERICAN PARTY adopted at Fort Worth Aug. 14, 1919, and promise to give my support in full to the AMERICAN PARTY.

Wish you success in every effort to defeat the preaching hunch. I was raised near Lockhart, Texas, in Caldwell county. I have many relations in that county and in Travis county and they are all FERGUSON MEN.

With best wishes to you and the Forum, keep the ball rolling and I will do my part.

Yours very truly,
P. C. RIDDLE.
Brackettville, Texas.
(We will keep it rolling.—Editor.)

DEMOCRACY IN PRINCIPLE.

Dear Sir:—It is a privilege long desired to again be able to support not democracy in name only, but DEMOCRACY IN PRINCIPLE, such as that embodied in the platform of the AMERICAN PARTY.

Truth crushed to earth will rise again, and like Banquo's ghost, "it will not down." While seemingly the professional polluted politicians have a strangle hold on Texas, they are doomed to meet their WATERLOO in 1920. The lineup will be clear and strong. No quarter will be asked and none given. Let the motto be "Survival of the fittest." Therefore, as before stated, it is a glorious privilege to request that you enroll my name as a MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN PARTY adopted at Fort Worth, Aug. 14, 1919, and I promise to give my hearty support to them.

With kind regards, I am,
Sincerely, your friend,
J. C. MEMORRIS.
Crockett, Texas.
(The "fittest will survive."—Editor.)

FROM A RETURNED SOLDIER.

Gov. Jas. E. Ferguson:—Dear Governor:—I am an ex-soldier from Camp Bowie, 371 Bakery Company. I have been reading your fine paper and want to do all the good I can for both Jas. E. Ferguson and his paper. It makes my blood boil when I think about WHAT HOBBY LILLO Our "Patriotic Hobby" snatched our precious votes away from us when we couldn't help ourselves. But thank God, I can vote now and I will vote JUST LIKE FERGUSON ASKS US TO, for I believe that is the right way. We would be having better times if it had not been for those "HOBBY BLOWERS" that got behind him and blew him into the office.

I think now they have tucked their tails and backed off in a far corner. Ferguson is the man for the office, why? Just because he is for the people (not himself). The man that is for us poor farmers, for all laboring people and for upright truth and honesty. That is the kind we like.

I know Jas. E. Ferguson, and have talked to him personally, and think he is among the finest of men. The first time he was in office I can proudly say I helped put him there, not by my vote alone, but I boosted him and got every vote for him that was in my power to get. JUST WHAT I WILL DO EVERY TIME HE RUNS FOR GOVERNOR.

Yours truly,
ROBERT L. POWELL.
Godley, Texas.
(Yes, our soldier boys "can vote now," and they will vote as TRUE AMERICANS.—Editor.)

THOROUGHbred FERGUSON MAN.

Ferguson Forum:—Enclosed find check for which please send me the Forum for one year. I am a THOROUGHbred FERGUSON MAN. Not because it is Ferguson, but because he stands for the truth and right. I hope the old party with a new name, real success. I am,

Your friend,
N. B. WRIGHT.
Owhee, Okla.
(The "old party with a new name is a certain success.—Editor.)

ANY OFFICE IN THE UNITED STATES.

Ferguson Forum:—Enclosed find my check. Please keep my paper coming. I don't want to miss a copy. Am a friend of Koss Barry and live next house to him. I do not go around much, but IF THERE IS ANY OFFICE IN THE UNITED STATES THAT MY VOTE WILL PLACE YOU IN YOU ARE SURE OF IT.

With best wishes,
Yours truly,
JACK PHILLIPS.
Walnut Springs, Texas.
(We may call for your vote some day.—Editor.)

AGAINST HOBBY AND HIS CABINET.

Mr. James E. Ferguson:—Dear Friend:—I am for the Ferguson principles first, last and all the time, and if you don't come out on the ticket I am going to vote a republican ticket. Hobby has ruined the whole country and every one is against him and will vote against him. I am for the AMERICAN PARTY. I stand squarely for the American Party principles.

With best wishes to you and your good paper, the Forum. BE SURE AND COME OUT ON THE TICKET. I am for you and yours.

R. F. JETT.
Walter, Texas.
(Most real Americans are against the entire cabinet.—Editor.)

FERGUSON GOVERNOR OR SENATOR.

Hon. Jas. E. Ferguson:—I hope you will be governor or United States Senator for the people of Texas have no one to represent them in either place. We are not governed by democracy or the constitution, but by egotism and arrogance and insolence. If men are ruled by that crowd another term, the producing class will be worse off than THE PEONS OF MEXICO, or the slaves of Russia. Pudle Pudle Hobby and his Blue Ridge gang will TAX US TO PAUPERISM and as for suffrage and prohibition, I am opposed to both. I am opposed to local option upon the principles of it, for it was conceived by the same brain that pro-

hibition was conceived by. Our representatives have proved the facts of my contention but if you meet one of them they will give you the glad hand with a sardonic grin on his face like a hyena going to dig up a dead missionary and tell what he has done for the farmers. And right then if I loved a liar I would hug him to death.

After I read the Forum I pass it around to the Hobby crowd for I like to see them squirm and grin, but it is the truth and they won't deny it. Success to the American Party and Jas. E. Ferguson, J. W. Bailey, and R. L. Henry, and all true democrats.

GEO. COLEMAN.
Henderson, Texas.
(If we all loved liars there are a good many we would hug to death.—Editor.)

GRIT AND BACKBONE.

Hon. Jas. E. Ferguson:—I am a little slow about sending in my name but I endorse everything that was said at the convention at Fort Worth, Aug. 14, 1919. We read the Forum and can hardly wait for it to come every week. We would like to see you give THE HOBBY CROWD A FIT as we think they deserve it. We are glad we still have a man in Texas who has some grit and backbone left and is not afraid to use it.

If there ever has been a time we

need a governor it is right now. We wish the Forum and its readers success.

Respectfully,
J. H. ROSE AND WIFE,
Milano, Texas.

ONLY TRUTHFUL PAPER.

FERGUSON, JOE BAILEY AND HENRY:—You will find enclosed my check for another year's subscription to YOUR TRUTHFUL PAPER, the only paper in the state that does not whip the devil around the stump. It tells the truth and nothing but the truth, and I am with you, as long as I live. I am an old ex-Confederate soldier.

Yours truly,
WM. CLEVELAND.
Kopperl, Texas.
(Appreciate your friendship, your support and your pledge.—Editor.)

RESPECTS HONEST PREACHERS.

Ferguson Forum:—Enclosed find four slips to join the American Party. It is about time to get the political crooks and political preachers that do not preach the Gospel out of commission in Texas. I have always respected an honest preacher that will preach the Gospel and always will. Not long ago we had a prohibition election in Texas. Nobody dared to write anything for or against prohibi-

tion, except the Methodist preacher of this town.

He wrote an article in the New Braunfels Herald to tell the "For Liberty" people of Comal county how to vote. Now I think it better for him to preach the Gospel than to tell the people of Comal county what to do.

OTTO D. REEH.
New Braunfels, Texas.
(We agree with you.—Editor.)

FRIENDS AT WEST.

Ferguson Forum:—Enclosed please find another list of subscribers to the Forum also check to cover subscriptions.

The people here are eager to get the Forum, and are getting stronger for you as time passes.

Your friend,
THEO. SCHROEDER.
West, Texas.
(Such an expression of friendship as this is certainly appreciated.—Editor.)

THE BOYS UP THE CREEK.

Mr. Jas. E. Ferguson:—Dear Governor:—We are sending in our pledges for the American Party and are ready to stand by you in your new party and the latest reports of this section are good and the American Party is growing stronger every day. We people are tired of so much Hobby rot, so don't forget we will be

with you as long as you stay with the "Boys Up the Creek."

Best wishes to the Forum and the American Party.

J. E. SWIFT,
R. V. CLEARNAN,
J. A. MILSTEAD.
Osage, Texas.
(You will stay with us forever, then for we never expect to leave those boys at the forks of the creek.—Editor.)

CHRONICLE VINDICATION.

Ferguson Forum:—Enclosed I send you the names of a number that are with you and the American Party. I hope that we will succeed and oust that hypocrite now in office.

I was glad to read the VINDICATION OF MR. JAS. E. FERGUSON BY THE HOUSTON CHRONICLE, and heard today the San Antonio Light has come across and will be with the American Party. I think it won't be long before all of the big dallies will be glad to get into the American Party band wagon.

Hurray for the American Party and Joseph Weldon Bailey for governor of the grand old state of Texas!

O. I. O. E. BINZ.
Cuero, Texas.
(The really big dallies will come to the Party.—Editor.)

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Cash Contracts, and What They Mean to You

Drilling companies are now being paid \$7.00 to \$10.00 per foot for all wells put down, and the drilling company WINS, whether the well is wet or dry. Each cash contract should earn the company from \$5,000 to \$10,000, and it should require not more than forty-five to sixty drilling days to complete a contract. This class of drilling alone should bring the company about \$300,000 per year and we take no chance of losing, because we have everything to gain and nothing to lose while engaged on contract drilling.

50-50 Contracts, and What They Mean to You

In addition to doing cash contract drilling, Dixie-Winner Drilling Company will take 50-50 contracts. This class of drilling is very profitable to the drilling company and is usually brought about by some lease holder who has a lease that is about to expire and, being unable to secure a drilling rig, is willing to give a driller one-half of the oil the lease produces to induce the driller to drill the well and save the lease. Should we drill only four wells on this basis and get a total production of 12,000 barrels from the four wells, one-half of the oil would belong to the Dixie-Winner Drilling Company and would bring us \$13,500.00 each day, or \$405,000.00 per month, making the monthly income almost three times our entire capital, and at all times leaving our capital intact.

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We will be glad to furnish you any further information desired regarding our holdings and plans. As to the standing and integrity of the officers of this company, we refer you to any or all of the banks of Temple, as follows: City National, First National, Temple State, Farmers State, Temple Trust Co., or to the mayor or other public officials of Temple; the county judge of Bell county (Belton), or any other county official, or commercial institution.

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"Inside" information on a well that is about to be brought in has been the means of making many men small fortunes. There is no doubt about this. When we know we are going to bring in a well we will be in position to buy surrounding leases, on which we will clear large profits for the Dixie-Winner Drilling Company. The advantageous position that our company will occupy makes an investment in this stock the one best opportunity for the small investor, as well as the large.

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Balentine made his first coup when the E. Roper No. 1 was brought in. One of the drillers gave the newspaper oil scout advance information on the well.

The newspaperman took the hint and hunted up Elisha Roper, owner of the 3 1/2 acres, where the drilling well was located.

Mr. Roper agreed to sell one-quarter of the royalty for \$175 an acre. The price figured \$60,375 and the newspaperman wrote a check for the amount on a Dallas bank. Two days later E. Roper No. 1 came in for 5,000 barrels. U. M. Simons of Fort Worth paid \$60,375 for one-half of Balentine's one-quarter in the 3 1/2 acres and later Balentine sold 50 per cent of his 25 per cent for \$50,000.

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