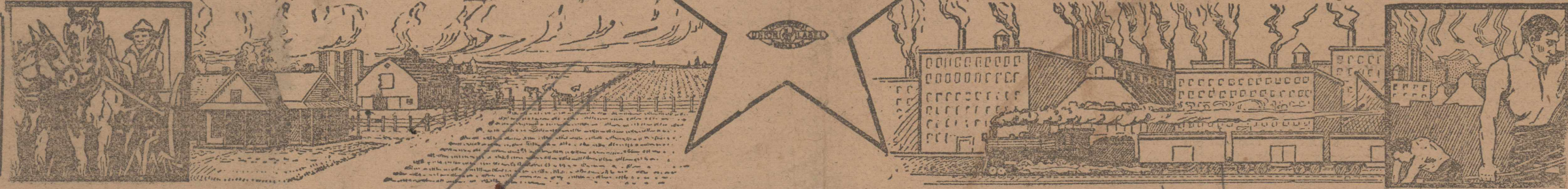


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A SERMON FROM A WINDOW

By KATIE DAFFAN

"Nobody tells the truth I tell you," said Susie, the girl who works at the paper mill to Sadie of the biscuit factory. "They follows the lantern slide uv their own minds on everything they sees, like a movie you know, en all the time they're believin' they're tellin' uv the truth. They aint. Nobody on earth tells it exactly."

"Preachers do," said Sadie, "for they get the talk right from the Bible."

"Preachers! Them's the most kind of all what sees a thing different. I hear 'em read outen the Bible, pintin' to the place, then tellin' the folks what and where it is in the book, then shet the book and tell a tale that you never would know came out from what they read. Why, Sadie, preachers is the beat fur tales that's all different."

"If you can't believe preachers who kin you believe?" asked Sadie.

"I try the Bible straight when I can understand it. I never did hear two preachers tell exactly the same tale about nothin'. You ken sure depend on 'em seem' of everything different. No two uv 'em ken find Moses just alike in the bull rushes, or see the prophet go on to heaven in the same kind of fire, or see them walls of Jericho come down in the same way. When you git preachers to discussin' what things stands for what aint explained fully, them that's just got a sign pintin' to 'em, it's then the preachers disagree terrible."

"Don't you go to church every Sunday?"

"Most generally, but it's not because I believe all the preachers says. Some uv 'em don't understand it all their selves. Some uv 'em don't believe it if they do understand it. Some uv 'em, occasionally, don't do exactly as they says to us to do."

"Sue, I believe you go to church for the good the church air does to you. Church puts a kind uv a spell on to you."

"Church air does do good. The scripture readin' is the best. The quiet, the singin', the prayin' sounds, the half-light, all helps me en I don't have to listen, lessen I want to. I pucker up my ears while the preacher is readin' exactly what's in the Bible, for I know that's got to be right, then I let my mind take me on, en I've done forgot him."

"Did you hear that sermon 'bout when Sorgum and Gomary got burnt up?"

"No, I never heard it, but I was at church when he preached it. That day I got a sermon outen a window. That window, above en around en across the side of the church where I ken see from my back seat, is got a sermon writ in it."

"I aint never read nothin' on it 'ceptin three words at the bottom. What you mean?"

"In that window made outen all them grand colors en glass, and fit in with little squares and the light uv it so soft like, is a woman with long, wavy red hair. That window painter give her hair a wave, en it's the color uv brass, en copper, en gold spread on yellow fallin' leaves, en sun burn. I never did see sech red hair as that woman has got. Her long, full, graceful form is draped uv rich. She's settin' in a empty box-like case, might er been a chest, might er been a tomb, might er been a big rock. Men are standin near lookin worried, en women a cryin', but not that woman. She knows. 'HE IS RISEN!' are them words you read writ under that woman's figer."

"I can't read no sermon in them three words," said Sadie.

"That woman is Mary Magdalene who loved the Lord and He shored loved her. They loved one another so good that they understood one another. He let her know about it the first thing when He come back to earth after He made a three days visit to heaven. He came back cause He wanted to see her again and the others that shored nuff loved Him. Mary loved Him so good and missed Him so, that it jes called Him down from the skies. En what did the Lord do?"

"He took a walk, didn't He?"

"He made a messenger boy outen of Mary. He sent a message by her to the world, the most great and glorious message that ever was sent by anybody to anybody. It was so important that nobody could er took it but a woman. En a woman that knew what shored nuff love was."

"What message?"

"That message was to go and tell them disciples en the others, that He done come back, that HE WAS RISEN. See, she knowed it first!"

"En the first thing she done after she knowed it was to tell it."

"The first thing she done after she knowed it was to obey His command, to go quick to make the world happy, for the world was shored set up by that grand news."

"En her nothin' but a woman, too."

"Yes, en her nothin' but a woman, carried the news that saved the world. No man knowed it 'til a woman knowed it first, not even one uv them 'leven intimate friends. Did anybody ever git to carry better news than that? I should hope not. The way her en the Lord understood one another, Him the Lord Almighty, and her who had been bad, sinful and wicked, makes me know that HE IS the Lord. Do you git me?"

"I'll look at that window agin."

"I don't keer what they sing or what they pray, so long as I ken look into the face of my snow white holy Lord and know that He done forgive, then forget, then love, then trust that poor Mary. Oh how she loved Him because He trusted her! I don't know what anybody on earth would do if they didn't get the good, settled feelin' out er religion that has to come outen the forgiveness what the Good Lord give to this here Mary."

"Say, Sue, let's go by the church now. I want to see that window."

"Come on. Tell me! The Lord shored knows men and women and preachers and Mary Magdalenes', and you and me, and all the rest. And aint it a God blessed truth that FORGETTNESS is a holy thing just like FORGIVENESS, and that them two must run together? You can't git nowhere with one without you got the other, for they keeps steady company and won't be separated."

When the good women of this country grasp fully the fact that adoption of the League of Nations plan, which democrats maintain is the paramount issue in the national campaign, means that Europe will be given power to call their husbands, sons and all loved ones over there to fight its battles there will be such a revolt against the monstrous thing that it will be obliterated and its authors and sponsors routed in disgrace from public view and authority.

Like Man?
It is God like rather than man like to really forgive. Every act of true forgiving is in imitation of the Master.—K. D.

WOMAN; LISTEN, WOMAN

My good ladies, you have been given the right to vote. This right carries with it an obligation as well as a privilege. I have never cared so much about denying your right to vote, but I have always objected and still object to you being loaded with a burden which man ought to bear. If you want to vote, of course, want to vote intelligently and with full information as to the main issue in the election.

Now the main issue in this election is declared by the democrats to be the League of Nations and the American Party agrees to the proposition. But the democrats are for the league; the Americans are against the league. Mr. Wilson says it will save the nation. WE SAY IT WILL RUIN THE NATION.

It will take you two hours to read the treaty creating the league. Boiled down though, it contains three propositions which will condemn it by every fair-minded man, who is not a collar-bound democrat.

First. It provides that the nations of Europe shall have the voting power to call for our money and call for our dear boys to go to Europe again and engage in a foreign war whether our boys want to go or whether we want them to go or not.

Second. It provides that the nations of Europe shall have the voting power to decide all controversies that may arise over here between the United States and any other nation in the western hemisphere, whether it suits us or not, and

Third. It provides that England shall have six votes to our one.

If you vote the democratic ticket you vote FOR all three propositions. If you vote for the American Party ticket you vote AGAINST all three propositions.

No matter, my dear mother, sister or grandmother, what anybody may tell you, these powers are conferred on the League of Nations.

If the League did not have these powers then it would not be a league. If it did not have power to enforce its decrees against any nation or number of nations then it could do nobody any good and that is why the league retains the power to declare war on any nation that will not submit to its orders. This league has the powers of armies behind its decrees, just like the district court of your county has the powers of a sheriff to enforce its decrees.

Therefore, mother, sister, if you want to give the power to some foreign court to force your brother or son, or some other mother's or sister's son or brother, to risk his life on a foreign battle field, just vote the democratic ticket and for the League of Nations. That is what the democratic ticket stands for.

But if you want to keep your brother or son at home and let him say when he wants to go to war, then VOTE FOR THE AMERICAN PARTY TICKET, because that is what the American Party stands for.

If you want this country to mix up in every war that is fought for the next fifty years, vote the democratic ticket, because the League of Nations binds us to take sides in every war that comes up anywhere on the earth, whether we want in or not.

If you want this country to stay out of all wars, unless we want to go in, then vote the American ticket for we stand to keep this country free of all foreign troubles of other nations.

Mr. Wilson wants to let Europe tell us when to come over there and fight, and he wants also to let Europe come over here and tell us we shall or shall not fight if we want to.

Mr. Wilson wants to give England six votes and Uncle Sam one. THE AMERICAN PARTY DON'T WANT ANYTHING TO DO WITH ENGLAND in any kind of a league.

So, mother, sister, if you want to give up our boys, vote for the democrats. IF YOU WANT TO KEEP OUR BOYS AT HOME VOTE FOR THE AMERICAN PARTY, composed of Americans, who stand for America first, last and all the time.

JAS. E. FERGUSON

American Party Nominees for County Offices; Names to Be Printed On Official Ballot

Announcement was made from Austin a few days ago that one of the assistants to the attorney general had made a ruling in response to inquiries from DeWitt county that nominees of the American Party for county offices in DeWitt county could not have their names printed on the official ballot because the nominations had been made July 31, the last Saturday in that month, and not on July 24, the fourth Saturday, which the attorney general's department held should have been done.

Immediately upon being advised of this ruling Judge William Blakeslee, treasurer of the American Party executive committee, and candidate for comptroller on the American Party ticket, conferred with the attorney general's department and called attention to the provision of the election law under which the American Party precinct and county conventions were held, the same being the provisions that apply to all regularly organized political parties, and protested that the ruling had been made under a misapprehension of the law and the facts.

After fully considering the matter the attorney general's department admitted the ruling was erroneous and gave Judge Blakeslee assurance that a correction would be made and the parties who had been given the erroneous ruling would be duly advised that the names of the nominees of the American Party for places on the county ticket should be duly printed with those of other parties, lawfully made, on the official ballot.

We here and now advise our friends and committees in all counties where precinct conventions were held July 24 and delegates elected to county conventions which were held on Saturday, July 31, and nominations there made for county offices, delegates selected to state and district conventions, county chairman elected, etc., that their action was in full and complete compliance with the provisions of the Terrell election law and that the names of all nominees for county offices, so made at such convention, must be printed on the official ballot to be voted in the general election in November.

Do not be uneasy or disturbed by any claim or contention to the contrary. Where the proceedings have been had in the manner as here stated they are in full compliance with the law and where our duly authorized chairmen have certified these county nominations to the county clerk they MUST be printed on the official ballot.

If any of our county chairmen have overlooked certifying their county nominations to the county clerk of their respective counties let them DO SO AT ONCE. Don't delay a moment, but get busy quickly and see that the proper certification is made and the names of our candidates will appear on the official ballot where they are legally entitled to appear.

Watch for trickery and fraud; victory is sure; the LAW HAS BEEN OBEYED and the voters will see to the result.

GOV. FERGUSON'S SPEECH CHEERED BY LOYAL TEXANS

Lufkin, county seat of Angelina county, gave Governor Ferguson the most enthusiastic reception of his public life, Saturday, Sept. 25, when he spoke there to an audience that numbered at least 4,000 persons. He was cheered time and again as he arraigned the democratic party for its misdeeds and on three different occasions while he was speaking took a poll of his audience on the League of Nations proposition and not a vote in favor of the monstrous scheme to place the wealth and lives of the United States in the hands of European governments, was registered.

On arrival at Lufkin he was met at the station by the American Party executive committee for Angelina county, accompanied by a brass band and several hundred citizens. Cars furnished under the direction of George Lee, an ex-service man of the world war, conveyed Governor Ferguson to the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. ... Candidate of the luncheon was served with the distinguished ... candidate of the American Party for president of the United States as guest of honor. The luncheon ... included, besides the guest of honor. The luncheon ... Mr. and Mrs. R. Nesmith, N. honor and the host ... Mr. and Mrs. R. Nesmith, N. Calver, ... Mr. Clancy, George F. H. Meyer, candidate for congress from the second district and Mrs. Luther Mims.

At the conclusion of the luncheon the party motored to the court house where a tremendous crowd was gathered, pronounced by the Lufkin News, to be the greatest throng ever assembled in that city. Governor Ferguson was introduced to this enthusiastic assembly by Mr. H. B. Nesmith, a carpenter, and for two hours was listened to with the closest attention and interest, often being interrupted by tumultuous cheering and applause. His wonderfully clear and succinct explanation of the tragic meaning of the adoption of the League of Nations to this country, drew unbounded enthusiasm, and it was while he was at this portion of his speech that he called for votes at three different times on the league and not a single hand was raised in favor of the demnable scheme.

At Bime Box, in Lee County, Tuesday, Sept. 28, Governor Ferguson was given another tremendous reception and in the vast throng that listened closely to his words and cheered his emphatic declarations of the policy and pledges of the American Party were voters from Burleson, Washington, Fayette and other counties bordering upon Lee county. When he spoke at Wharton, Sept. 23, his audience was not as large as these at other places he spoke during the week on account of the urgent demand for sowing the rice crop, the harvest of which was in full blast.

Beaumont, where Governor Ferguson spoke Wednesday, Sept. 22, furnished an audience of more than 3,000 in Keitt Park, where he was given a splendid ovation and his speech cheered to the echo. He was introduced by Hon. George C. O'Brien, one of the really big men of Texas, a former member of the legislature and a distinguished lawyer. Mr. O'Brien in his introductory words characterized Governor Ferguson as "the purest patriot and noblest Roman of them all," and he most eloquently eulogized the name and the principles of the American Party. District Judge E. A. McDowell, another of the great lawyers of Texas, was among those who called at the hotel to pay respects to Governor Ferguson and at the speaking he, with Hon. Ras. Landry, Hon. John Brooks and others occupied places upon the platform.

At Huntsville, where Governor Ferguson spoke Sept. 21, he was introduced to his audience of more than 1,500 persons by Mrs. Bryan, and preceding the speaking he was presented by ladies of Huntsville with three large bouquets, for which he expressed his heartfelt appreciation and then asked that the flowers be given to the prisoners within the walls of the Huntsville state prison.

There is every assurance that the American Party will carry Walker county by a large majority.

The vast throngs which greet Governor Ferguson at every one of his speaking appointments and the deep interest and attention given his speech attest the depth of the feelings of the loyal people of Texas in the outcome of this remarkable campaign and their determination to bring about a radical change in both national and state governments. Sturdy farmers who have felt and are feeling the grip of merciless trusts and heartless profiteers to whose assaults they have been exposed and made victims by the democratic national administration listen with drawn lips and flashing eyes to the recital of what has been done and the greater tragedy which threatens if the preposterous proposition of the League of Nations is adopted.

Their words and their manner betoken complete and utter annihilation at the polls in November for the forces of autocracy and centralization of power at Washington and a firm determination to restore government both in Texas and the Union to the faith and landmarks of the fathers.

Speaking dates arranged for Governor Ferguson for the current week are as follows:

- Fort Worth, Friday, Oct. 1, 8 p. m.
- Waxahachie, Saturday, Oct. 2, 2:30 p. m.
- Denison, Monday, Oct. 4, 8 p. m.
- Gainesville, Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2:30 p. m.
- Wichita Falls, Wednesday, Oct. 6, 8 p. m.
- Cleburne, Thursday, Oct. 7, 2:30 p. m.
- Athens, Friday, Oct. 8, 2:30 p. m.
- Tyler, Saturday, Oct. 9, 8:30 p. m.

Ladies; the ballot has been thrust upon you. Do you want your sons, husbands and other male relatives and loved ones sacrificed to the greed, selfishness and sordidness of European jealousies and bickerings, or do you want them to stay at home and fulfill the destiny to which they are consecrated through American institutions? Look well to your ballot!

Forgiving?
It is a trait of character which is sublime. It is of the heart. It is a supreme and often a powerful expression of the human will tempered with a genuine desire to do right.—K. D.

A Sweet Experience.
There is no sweeter experience to the human heart than actually, really, forgetting all injury, both actual and imaginary. Ever try it?—K. D.

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And ain't it a blessed truth that forgetness is a holy thing, just like forgiveness, and that them two must run together? You can't get nowhere with one without you got the other.—Katie Daffan.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT ANYBODY ON EARTH WOULD DO IF THEY DIDN'T GIT THE GOOD, SETTLED FEELIN' OUT 'ER RELIGION THAT HAS TO COME OUTEN THE FORGIVENESS WHAT THE GOOD LORD GIVE TO THIS HERE MARY.—K. D.

DEMOCRATIC BAND POURS OUT JANGLING DISCORD

That the democratic national campaign is "blowed up," is attested by the glaring headlines in the daily press telling of the plans of President Wilson to start a campaign in support of the League of Nations on his own account and criticising the manner in which Cox has conducted his campaign.

Then comes Cox in a speech and disowns Burleson and Palmer, the two chief henchmen of the president. He says he cannot approve their records as members of Wilson's cabinet.

Truly it is a happy family!

That Cox is not boosting the League of Nations dream as Woodrow would have it boosted is told in the news from the White House that President Wilson has determined to do things that have been left undone by the democratic candidate and party managers for the league. In this connection we are told that J. P. Tumulty, the president's secretary, has prepared a series of articles on the league that will be given to the press in the hope that the press will disseminate them to all corners of the country. One story is that Tumulty recently sent a sizzling message of great length from the White House on the subject of the league and the manner in which it was being dealt with by the democratic nominee.

This message sizzling with indignation over the way the democratic campaign is progressing is said, also, to have carried a note of hopelessness unless there speedily is a change. With Cox kicking Burleson and Palmer out of his camp and with the president and his secretary indicting Cox for failure to carry out the Wilsonian ideas in connection with the league it surely appears that a "blow-up" is inevitable. In fact the evidence is that the "blow-up" already has happened.

If Wilson injects his personal league campaign into the situation then there will be all kinds of fun.

And while all this is going on let the farmers remember that the democratic administration which promised them so much is standing by in indifference and scorn while the cotton market goes to pieces and prices crash the full limit permitted downward every day almost. In this situation; with millions upon millions being lost to the faithful and never-tiring toilers, with prices already below the mark at which the producer can pay his pickers and get his money back by selling on this demoralized market, not a hand is raised at Washington to succor the men who sent their sons to war and then with their wives and daughters labored long hours to keep up food production that the boys might be fed and the "world be made safe for democracy."

Congressman Young, Sept. 1, at Dallas warned the cotton grower that he was outfought four and one-half to one at Washington and bitter realization of the truth of his helplessness is now brought home to him while spinners revel in his discomfiture and profiteers feed upon his substance.

This is the democratic administration that was put in power by the votes of the solid south, with the "Immortal" or is it "Immortal" forty from Texas helping. Is there anything to hope for by continuing to be led by the nose by these fake "Immortals" and having them boast of carrying the electoral vote of Texas in their vest pocket? Is there anything to be gained by sticking longer with the rotten craft which has brought more misery to the land than any other agency in history?

It is time to seek safety for yourselves and your loved ones under a standard that represents true and honest principles, whose defenders are pledged to give you the relief you have sought in vain from those whom you have trusted and elevated to power. Look the situation squarely in the face. What has the democratic administration, either in nation or state, done to help you? Then turn and ask what has it done to render your condition worse.

Let a wildly tumbling cotton market; in the blunt refusal of the boasted altar of relief, the federal reserve bank, to help save you from absolute ruin and disaster; in the staggering tax burden which is presing you down, you will find your answer.

NOTE THE AMERICAN PARTY TICKET AND GIVE THESE ARROGANT AND INSOLENT OPPRESSORS THE ONLY REBUKE THEY WILL FEEL: DRIVE THEM FROM POWER FOREVER!

Let the women inform themselves upon this League of Nations infamy and they will be able to cast their ballots intelligently and for the preservation of America for America. For this doctrine the American Party stands.

Your help is needed to insure success of the American Party ticket and the redemption of Texas from autocracy, misrule, waste and maladministration. Only a little from each of our friends will swell the total to sufficient size to combat the hosts of our enemies and save Texas. Send whatever you are able to our treasurer, Judge William Blakeslee, Austin, Texas, or direct to American Party headquarters, Temple, Texas, and have a share in the great victory that will be celebrated in November.

Candidate Cox, head of the democratic ticket, has let loose a broadside denouncing profiteers, whom he charges with stealing at least \$5,000,000,000 from the people in the last five years, but he fails to confess that a democratic administration is responsible for what he denounces as "sordid, soulless, ugly and hateful in all its aspects." The only way to get rid of this outrageous condition is to defeat those responsible for it. No wonder the democratic corpse stinks, when even the presidential nominee protests against the smell.

The stench of democracy in Montana has proved too offensive for United States Senator Henry Lee Myers of that state, who announces that he will support the republican state ticket with the exception of a single name. In announcing his revolt against the nauseous political combination in his state Senator Myers says: "There is no reason why a democrat should swallow their nondescript ticket. I refuse to do so." This senator is not alone in such sentiments about the present day democratic organization. It has become a stench in the nostrils of patriots everywhere in the United States.

Forgetting?

This is of the mind. It follows forgiveness. It is the mental endorsement of the heart's full, fine work. Forgetting and forgetting belong alone to that rare, noble class of individuals who have some idea of the brief span of Time and the deep span of Eternity.—K. D.

BELL COUNTY WILL HEAR M'GREGOR, AMERICAN PARTY CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR

Voters of Bell and adjoining counties will have an opportunity of hearing the issues of the state political campaign discussed by Senator T. H. McGregor, in Belton next Monday afternoon, Oct. 4, at 2 o'clock. Arrangements are being made for the speaking by the local and county committees and a large crowd is expected to hear the American Party candidate for governor. Senator McGregor is one of the most brilliant orators in the state and his lucid manner of presenting the great questions now absorbing the attention of the people is both eloquent and convincing.

Friday, Sept. 24, in the afternoon, Senator McGregor and Judge William Blakeslee spoke to a great gathering at Flatonia and the same evening they were met by a large audience at Yoakum. The strength and popularity of the American Party ticket in that section of the state is unchallenged and the success of the candidates in the November election is assured.

Monday, Senator McGregor spoke at Farmersville, where a vast crowd was gathered for the occasion, going thence to Wimborsboro and next to Pittsburg. At all of these places he was welcomed in the most enthusiastic manner and made a profound impression when he dwelt upon the extravagance, waste and riot of dissipation of public funds in which the state democratic administration is engaged. Today (Thursday, Sept. 30) he is scheduled to speak at Mt. Pleasant and is assured of another great outpouring of people to hear matters of vital interest discussed logically, eloquently and impressively.

The crowd at Farmersville numbered more than 2,000 and Senator McGregor was introduced by Miss Alice Hudson, the brilliant young daughter of Richard Hudson, in a beautiful speech. His hearers indicated their heartiest approval of his platform pledges and promises.

Fifteen hundred persons, mostly farmers, gathered in the streets at Wimborsboro to hear Senator McGregor Tuesday and applauded him enthusiastically as he showed up the rotten democratic system under which their taxes are being piled up and their revenues reduced. The American Party is sure of carrying Wood county and will see that such thefts as were perpetrated in the Aug. 23 primary are not repeated.

Additional speaking dates for the senator are: Mt. Pleasant, Thursday, Sept. 30, 2 p. m. Greenville, Friday, Oct. 1, 8 p. m. Van Alstyne, Saturday, Oct. 2, 2 p. m. Belton, Monday, Oct. 4, 2 p. m. Terrell, Tuesday, October 5, 8 p. m. Longview, Wednesday, Oct. 6, 8 p. m. Jacksonville, Thursday, Oct. 7, 8 p. m. Franklin, Friday, Oct. 8, 2 p. m. Centerville, Saturday, Oct. 8, 2 p. m.

WAR PROFITS OF THE PATRIOTEERS

The Forum here reproduces a second installment of a most excellent and convincing document from the pen of Basil M. Board, formerly joint chairman of the National War Labor Board, showing the huge and extortionate war profits made by great corporations and trusts, during the war. Remember that these astounding figures are taken from official records and reveal the staggering scope of profiteering practiced upon the people of the United States with the permission of a national democratic administration and through the connivance of its agents and officials.

When the editor made decorous request upon the secretary of the treasury for a copy of Senate Document No. 259, from which Secretary McAdoo obtained his astounding record that income tax returns from corporations revealed that they had made in 1917 earnings of from 15 to 2,000 per cent upon their capital stock, and which document Mr. Manly refers to in his article, the only reply received was a curt, penciled notation upon our letter of request, "NONE AVAILABLE."

There need be no surprise that there is "NONE AVAILABLE," in view of the great stir that was caused by the revelations of Secretary McAdoo. Senate Document No. 259 is a report by the secretary of the treasury in response to a senate resolution requesting all facts in possession of his department relative to profiteering. Its figures are official and convict the democratic administration of willfully permitting the people to be plundered in the most shameful manner by corporations and trusts.

The final installment of Mr. Manly's article will appear in The Forum next week. It is worth preserving and is a convincing arraignment of the national democratic administration, which permitted this robbery of the people.

WAR PROFITS OF THE PATRIOTEERS By BASIL M. MANLY

What profits did the steel corporation, which has denied its workers the right to organize, report to the treasury in 1917? I tried to find out. On page 367 I found a steel company with a capital stock of \$368,583,000. There is only one corporation in the world with that amount of capital stock—the United States Steel corporation. I thought I had found it. I looked to see what net income it had reported to the treasury department in 1917, and I found the amount recorded as \$15,843,305 before the deduction of income and excess profits taxes. This seemed incredible, as the net income before the deduction of taxes reported by the corporation in its published report was \$478,204,342. It appeared as though \$222,600,000 of the steel corporation's income was being concealed from Uncle Sam. It did not seem possible, so I went to the secretary of the treasury and asked permission to see the return of the United States Steel corporation in order to verify the facts. Section 5 of Treasury Decision No. 2018 states that the secretary of the treasury shall permit the inspection of the return of any corporation listed on the stock exchange. I was told by an official of the treasury department that this decision was now in force and covered the inspection of returns.

Yet access to the return of the steel corporation was denied me, and after a day's delay I received a long memorandum, three pages of which were taken up with telling me that although this was the only decision on the subject, it was not now in force, having been modified by one of the later revenue acts. The last page of the memorandum while refusing to state whether the facts which I had quoted from the report of the treasury department applied to the United States Steel corporation or not, set up a hypothetical case to explain how this apparent discrepancy of \$222,600,000 might have occurred. It was stated that in the case of a holding company reports of the subsidiaries were made separately, and the only

by the meat packers. The treasury department's reports show that out of 122 meat packers, 30, or one out of every four, made more than 100 per cent on their capital stock. One of these companies, not one of the "Big Five," made the nice little profit of 4,244 per cent on its capital stock in 1917. In this connection I discovered one interesting and significant thing while examining this report of the treasury department. On page 365 I found a meat packing corporation with a capital stock of \$100,000,000 in 1917. There were only two meat packing corporations with capital stock of \$100,000,000 in 1917—Armour and company and Swift and company.

The corporation that is mentioned above reported to the treasury department a net income in 1917 of \$49,139,147; after the payment of income and excess profits taxes it still had a net income of \$43,310,984. Looking at the published reports of Armour and Swift I find that the Armour reported to the public profits of only \$20,823,157 in 1917, and Swift reported profits of only \$34,650,000. I do not know which of these companies is represented in the treasury department's report, but I do know that which ever one it is concealed from the public either the \$9,000,000 or \$13,000,000 net income which it reported to the treasury department. In other words, the treasury department's report reveals beyond question that one of these companies has falsified its report to the public and to its stockholders. If the public had access to the tax return to which it is entitled by every rule of justice and by every precedent of the American government, there would be no difficulty in ascertaining which of these companies was guilty of this offense. As it is both of them must lie under suspicion.

Geo. E. H. Myer Will Oppose Box for Seat From Second District

The American Party District Convention of the Second Congressional district convened in Lufkin at 4 p. m. Aug. 23, 1920, called to order by Hon. J. N. Roden, it being necessary to lay a foundation upon which to place the preservation of our state and its citizens; we do hereby declare the nomination of Hon. George E. H. Myer, who we believe to be able to assist in re-establishing and safeguarding state rights and personal privileges.

First. As he stands squarely and fairly upon the principles and in hearty accord with the American Party platform, he opposes the League of Nations upon the grounds that it destroys the sovereignty of the United States, and which he declares will be detrimental to the interests of our people.

Second. He also promises to use every vital force at his command for the repeal of the eighteenth and nineteenth amendments to the national constitution.

Third. He promises to look into Congressman Box's war measure immigration bill by which, according to publication, 36,000 Mexicans were admitted into Texas in the past nine months, said bill being against the interest of our citizenship.

Fourth. He promises that if the said bill cannot be repealed he will lend his efforts and powers to have same amended.

Fifth. As peace has never been declared or ratified by congress he pledges himself to carefully consider the peace treaty, keeping in view the Monroe doctrine, and not allowing anything to appear in the treaty which would destroy or weaken our position.

Sixth. We do not hesitate to recommend him to the voters of the second congressional district, as he is a man of high character, ability and held in high esteem by all who know him.

Seventh. He believes in the up-building of both the city and rural districts, knowing that each is dependent upon the other for its general prosperity. He believes in laying a permanent foundation which will work to the advantage of both city and rural districts, therefore, knowing him as we do, and believing that he will at all times use his best efforts in behalf of the people as a whole, we cheerfully recommend him to the voters of this district, and ask that they give his candidacy a fair and impartial consideration.

J. N. RODEN, Chairman Second Congressional District. H. E. NESMITH, Secretary. M. CALVERT, Chairman American Party Club. J. L. BEASLEY, M. D. A. A. MCCARTY, County Chairman. B. F. NIERREN, T. F. HOPPER. (Political Advertisement.)

Campaign in Behalf of American Party Makes Steady Gains

The campaign in the interest of the American Party, is being vigorously fought in Texas and gains constantly are being made to the ranks of the voters who are determined to throw off the yoke of democratic autocracy in November. Through south Texas speakers for the party are being greeted with great enthusiasm and promises of support. Fisher Alsop opened his speaking tour for the week at Victoria, thence went to Galvesto where he was met by a large audience and given great encouragement.

Wednesday he was at Beeville, where the Bee county fair is in progress and his speech in favor of the platform and candidates of the American Party was listened to with closest attention and every indication of approbation. Other dates for speeches by Mr. Alsop are: El Campo, Oct. 1. Rosenberg, Oct. 2. Kenney, Oct. 3. Dublin, Oct. 4. Moravia, Oct. 9. New Ulm, Oct. 16.

PUN AND PUNCTURE

By KATIE DAFFAN

THE CONFEDERATE SOLDIER.

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Let us look in our hearts as we see them today, Our heroes, our chieftains, who still wear the gray, For the light of the coming of Eternal morn, Now rests white on their brows which our hands would adorn With glad victories wreath and rare crowns of pure gold, For devotion, for service, for valiance untold, To a Cause that they knew to be just!

If we find in our hearts as we look in them deep, That we reverence our soldiers, tenderly keep, Richest memory of service and noble deed done Adoration and praise for their trials o'er come, Then to us is the honor, the glory, the gain, Of remembering our dear ones without mar or stain, Those whose keen sword blades never knew rust!

For they lived for and fought for and died for a Cause, Gave their hearts' wealth of love, not a stop not a pause Did they make through the years when their brave souls were tried

To their uttermost strength, but their courage ne'er died, As they fought that their southland should ever maintain Its ideals of men's rights and bold Truth not disdain, Truth, with them, was a glorious Truth!

The Confederate soldiers made records that glow, Even brighter any brighter as years come and go, And the world knows their triumphs of four bleeding years, Over privation, terror, disaster and tears, As in field and in forest on mountain and plain, On long marches in snow drifts in hot sun and rain, They laid down their dear lives in the dust!

And today we've a Cause and a Trust high and pure, A high standard of Truth and a course to pursue, Their bright records are ours to sustain and keep bright— That the south may, as always, send out her Truth's light, As she did in those days when our knight heroes bled On honor's dear field where true Righteousness led, Bravely follow them ever we must!

(This poem is re-published by request.)

Confederate Reunion.

The general reunion of Confederate soldiers, Sons of the Confederacy and the Southern Confederate Memorial association will occur in Houston Oct. 5, 6, 7 and 8. From fifty to one hundred thousand visitors are expected from every southern state. Friends who are united who have not greeted each other for periods of twenty and some for forty years. The city of Houston, proud of the distinction of entertaining these matchless heroes of the dearest cause in history, will open its big heart, its beautiful homes and its public buildings to these appreciated guests. Every Texas Confederate soldier will, doubtless, do his best to answer to roll call in Houston the morning of Tuesday, Oct. 5.

Very truly, J. N. DAVIS

Peach, Texas. (We are very grateful for such praise and hope to be ever worthy of it.—K. D.)

Commander-in-Chief a Texan.

General K. M. Van Zandt of Fort Worth, Texas, commander in chief of the United Confederate Veterans, will preside over the sessions of the great reunion. Texas is the favored state in having the honor of entertaining the soldiers, and one of her noblest, bravest Confederate soldiers and most substantial citizens is commander in chief. Both honor and responsibility rest upon our state.

Confederate Memorial Association.

The Confederate Memorial association is the oldest association of southern women organized in the sacred name of the Confederacy. This association, organized not many years after the close of the war, held as its first object the care of our Confederate soldiers' graves. It includes upon its earlier rosters, the names of some of the noblest women of the south, many of whom were the mothers of our Confederate soldiers. Younger women now sacredly keep up this work of love and remembrance.

Judge John H. Reagan.

Oct. 8, the day of the close of the Confederate reunion, is a day known and loved by Texans. This day is the birthday of Judge John H. Reagan of Palestine, Texas, who was post-master general in the cabinet of President Jefferson Davis; later a member of the United States senate, and at the time of his death, chairman of the Texas railroad commission. He gave up a seat in the senate as its first object the care of our Confederate soldiers' graves. It includes upon its earlier rosters, the names of some of the noblest women of the south, many of whom were the mothers of our Confederate soldiers. Younger women now sacredly keep up this work of love and remembrance.

Sons of the Confederacy.

A large and enthusiastic camp of the Sons of the Confederacy has been organized in Houston, and camps are being organized in many towns and cities within the state. All of this will help Texas in her efforts to be host to the Confederate soldiers.

School Opens.

Johnnie's teacher gave him a registration card upon which his mother was to write his birth record. He came to school next day without the registration card. "Johnnie," said the teacher, "you must bring me an excuse for being tardy and don't forget the card about when you were born." All out of breath Johnnie rushed in next day, holding a note from his mother. "Teacher," he gasped, "I brought the excuse for being tardy, but I forgot the one for being born."

School Love?

"And why are you crying, little man?" "The school caught on fire," wailed Tommie. "You dear little boy, you love your school, don't you?" "But it didn't burn up," shrieked Tommie.

Education.

Miss Daffan: I see from your article that our candidate for governor stands A 1 on the matter of educating our Texas children. I am glad but not surprised, since he stands A 1 on all vital issues. Senator McGregor will make a great governor. Respectfully, SILAS MONROE, Lavaca, Texas. (That he will.—K.D.)

THE THING THAT COSTS LESS AND SELLS FOR MOST?

Our inquiry some weeks ago it bringing in some interesting replies. The best answer to the question "What is it that costs less and sells for most?" received yet is "Politeness," sent in by Miss E. M. Greenbaum, 2018 Caroline street, Houston. Let other replies come right on.

AMERICAN PARTY PLATFORM

With untold gratification we say to the world that the American Party organized in this city of Fort Worth, a little less than a year ago, has reached the minds and hearts of the people of Texas...

be no trouble between producer and consumer. We demand equal opportunity for both. Recognizing that agriculture and the farming masses are the foundation of all human endeavor, we pledge our party to their preservation and protection.

Neff Favors Kansas Plan for Industrial Relations Court to Fix Wages and Hours in Texas

A court of industrial relations, with power to fix wages and hours of labor, is favored by Pat M. Neff, nominated Aug. 28 as the democratic candidate for governor of Texas...

Some Would Act Now. "Several close students of legislative affairs in Waco, when interviewed yesterday, expressed themselves as believing that sentiment among Texas leaders has been quietly shaping itself for several months in favor of establishing in Texas a court to settle disputes between labor and capital by an industrial court.

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Trade Unionism—Its Aim and Its Remarkable Achievements

(The Forum in this issue presents the fifth of a series of articles on the subject of "TRADES-UNIONISM—ITS REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT," written by George H. Seater, president of the Texas State Federation of Labor.

That we may correctly understand the industrial situation in Texas, as it exists today, it would seem imperative that we give a brief outline of the formation and activities of two organizations operating in this commonwealth at this time.

The Texas State Federation of Labor was formed in the city of Cleburne in January, 1909, receiving its charter directly from the American Federation of Labor, and has had as its purpose from the very beginning the passage of such legislation as has heretofore been referred to.

During the week of the convention nearly 100 resolutions were considered, several of which had to do with the laws governing the Federation. In addition to giving consideration to the above mentioned resolutions officers were also elected, and in this connection it is deemed proper to call attention to the thought that the Texas State Federation of Labor, between conventions, is governed by an executive board composed of seven members.

Notice. All American Party supporters are hereby requested to meet in Lockhart, Texas, Saturday, Oct. 10, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of naming an election judge for each precinct in Caldwell county and to arrange to carry the campaign to a successful conclusion.

FOR SALE TO SETTLE AN ESTATE. I have for sale one of the best combination farms in Texas, consisting of 175 acres, practically all in cultivation.

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LIVE STOCK. MULES—30 head, from 3 to 5 years old, 14 to 15 hands high. Over one-half have been worked; in fine condition. Will sell cheap. Write for prices. H. B. Cook, Lawton, Texas.

PHYSICIANS. DR. R. J. McBRIDE, magnetic healer, formerly with the noted G. R. Mellinger Sanitarium in Glenrose, Texas, is now located in Waco. By his wonderful power he heals all manner of diseases, except consumption in the last stages.

MISCELLANEOUS. REGISTERED DUROCS—Am offering best lot of Durocs I have ever had. A better bunch would be hard to find. Brood sows, bred gilts, open gilts and service boys, age 2-6. Can furnish unrelated pairs of any of above, registry bred stock. Papers furnished with each animal. Satisfaction guaranteed. Write for prices and further description. M. W. Cartwright, Keenan, Texas.

WANTED TO BUY—40 or 50 acres of improved land. Write and tell me what you have and how to find it. I will come and look at it. Will buy from owner only. Write Box 136, Temple, Texas.

AGENTS—Big profits selling high grade Toilet preparations, wonderful non-alcoholic flavorings, etc. Sell to everybody. Write for full particulars of free sample case of Brown Chemical Co., 3218A Gravois, St. Louis, Mo.

RABBIT HOUNDS, Fox Hounds, Coon, Opossum, Skunk, Squirrel Dogs, Setters, Pointers, Horse, Farm Dogs, Rabbits, Pigeons, Canaries, Parrots, Circular 10c. Brown's Kennels, York, Pa.

FOR SALE—300 acres on the head of Spring creek, 10 miles northwest of Meridian; 100 acres in cultivation, balance good grass land. There is a good, five-room house, good barn, well and wind mill, also plenty of wood.

WHERE THE PEOPLE DECIDE

IMPORTANT.
TO ALL FRIENDS WHO WRITE TO WHERE THE PEOPLE DECIDE: WE WISH TO AGAIN REMIND YOU THAT WE CAN NOT PUBLISH YOUR LETTERS, HOWEVER INTERESTING, WHEN THEY COME TO US WRITTEN UPON BOTH SIDES OF THE PAPER, NOR CAN WE PUBLISH THOSE NOT CLEARLY AND PLAINLY WRITTEN. THE EDITOR OF THIS DEPARTMENT OFTEN RECEIVES ONE HUNDRED LETTERS A DAY, THEY ACCUMULATE RAPIDLY, AND WE CAN USE THOSE LETTERS ONLY WHICH ARE PLAINLY WRITTEN, ON ONE SIDE OF THE PAPER.—EDITOR.

TO ALL CORRESPONDENTS
Some excellent letters have reached this department which we cannot use because of their length. Correspondents will please send brief, or reasonably brief, communications if they expect their communications to be published. Space is limited now because of election matter.—Editor.

(Since the Forum is the place WHERE THE PEOPLE DECIDE all questions discussed, a comment on this is devoted to the PEOPLE'S DISCUSSION. Letters, comments, opinions and discussions are invited from any reader, and are received with pleasure. We will publish them regardless of whether the writer agrees or disagrees with the editor. THE FORUM WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPINIONS EXPRESSED OR CONCLUSIONS REACHED. COMMUNICATIONS BRIEF. Address all to People's Discussion Editor, Ferguson Forum, Temple, Texas.)

THE PROHIBITIONIST'S APETITE AND ETERNITY.
Ferguson Forum: Since the primaries and the smoke of battle has cleared away, notice the daily press reports that one noticeable feature of the elections was that all ex-soldier boys who had offered for office went down in defeat. That is, a very large percentage of them. When the soldier boys—going five thousand miles away from home to fight for this so-called progressive democracy, they were lauded to the skies; they were slapped on the shoulder and told when they returned they could get anything they wanted and when made to believe they would all hold some high position in army service. Every time one of them was inducted into army camps there was a great demonstration and patriotic services held.

The soldier boy endured the torture of hell in the training camps, he suffered on the battle fields five thousand miles away from home, he died far away from mother and friends, yet he died beyond the reach of mothers' and fathers' hands. He was buried by strange hands, and no mother's tears could dampen his grave. He died that his country might be free; he died that democracy might reign; he died that there might be equal rights for all and special privileges to none. He made the sacrifice for all those principles that we have held near and dear to us for the past century.

But what happened? What has the soldier boy got for his service and life? The answer is, defeat, if he offered for office in the late primary. HE WAS DISGRACED BY BILL HOBBS, AND WOULD HAVE BEEN SO TODAY HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR A RED BLOODED LUNCH OF SOLDIER BOYS AT SAN ANTONIO who said to Bill, "We will not parade with any man who will disgrace his name. You (Bill) just stay out of this parade or there will be no parading done."

Think of it! While the soldier boy was in battle for democracy, nationwide prohibition was put over him and he had no voice in it. While he was in battle woman suffrage was put by him and the people over the protest and not even a space the size of a brick had a right to vote on this question, and yet we are taught to believe that the people rule in this country. These vital questions were carried over the people's protest and in the name of democracy and democracy. We have got the very things adopted that the political preachers and politicians told us we were fighting against. But this is natural. No nation has ever fallen in the name of the devil or slavery, but they have always tumbled in the name of something good.

Now the question arises in many people's minds, what was the reason for the soldier boy being so treated at the polls? Why was he not showered with the same honors as the man who stayed out of the smoke of the gun fire? The answer is simple. The political preachers and politicians had an idea that the soldier boy would vote a freeman's vote. The soldier boy is like anyone else he is all right if he will line up with the "great moral forces" or he is wrong and entitled to defeat. If he does not line up, this should be warning to the fathers and mothers of our land to look wisely before they vote again. This should go to prove that everything that glitters is not gold.

Remember the brass ring is very beautiful before it is won, and also remember that the progressive bunch will call you brother if you will line up with them but will knife you in the back if you disagree with them. Remember the great progressives were the people who preferred to stay at home and sell "stick" and "bombs" with you. Remember the political preachers were all exempt from the army draft here in a democratic country. Remember it was the political preachers that howled over the country that anything that was intoxicating was the very dregs of hell and while you're getting this into your mind remember that it was the political preachers and Bill Hobby who enacted a law giving the preachers the right to order whiskey in unlimited quantities for sacramental purposes. I say why not have a limit to anything? THE PROHIBITIONIST'S APETITE AND ETERNITY are the only two things I know of that have no limit. Just watch this great progressive bunch and you will discover that I am telling the truth. This reaction went to war in the name of freedom, and we lost our heads at home so

much that the people have been denied a voice in two of the most vital questions that ever came before any nation and that was woman suffrage and prohibition. Billy Sunday said while preaching at Fort Worth: "We lead the world in crime, there is a murderer every hour of the day and night in our land." This assertion from the world's renowned political preacher should cause some of the weak minded to call a halt and allow their old dormant brains to work a little and learn to sweep before our own door before we go to China to get dishes to eat out of three times a day.

Many people are just like the old toad frog. This frog will swallow anything that moves. You may tie a string around a coal of fire and move it in front of him and he will swallow it. He thinks just because a thing moves it is "right" for him. The Bible teaches a religion of the devil as well as a religion of Jesus Christ. The Bible truly compares the church to the woman. The woman can be the greatest thing under God's creation or she can be the most damnable creature that ever trod the face of the earth.

In my conclusion I wish to advise the old hair-brained, fanatical, fire-breating, ranting, raving political out-throats that I am not fighting the principles of Christianity. NO ONE HAS A WORD OF CRITICISM TO OFFER AGAINST THE OLD FASHIONED, CHRISTIANITY that our fore parents braved the trails of pioneer life for. No old sinner has got a word to offer against the principles of Christianity that caused this country to be settled when it was. No one has got a word to say against the Christianity that made our neighbors in their appointed courses. We have no fault to find with the Christianity that makes neighbors better, that makes friends better, that does not argue the people, that does not argue religion, that does not argue friend against friend. We are old fashioned enough to believe in the principles we were taught by a gray headed mother. We cannot go back on those dear old days; we cherish the memory of them very highly. We do not believe that everything should change if so there would be no use for us to raise our children to adhere to principles. There would be no use for us to teach our children to be truthful for when they become grown it would be changed and our time would be wasted.

I say, away with this false doctrine that the Bible has taught us to abhor and I wish I could speak these words in the voice of a steam calliope. This progressive doctrine is damning this nation by leaps and bounds and I am against it with all the power I possess.

T. I. FITZGERALD,
DeLeon, Texas.

(Yes, progressive doctrine has nearly completed its evil work on the nation, BUT NOT QUITE. We are going to save the nation in November.—Editor.)

McGREGOR TO TRUST WITH THE GOVERNORSHIP!
Dear Editor: The run-off performance at last has been pulled off and yet we can't see where the democratic party "is it." If it exists, it surely is badly torn up. It is like the good old sister. Some one looked out and says, "Lord, the caballado has stamped and the horses are running away." She, on looking out, exclaimed, "yes, I see the horses, but I don't see the caballado; undoubtedly the horses have torn it up." So, just at this time, there are lots of us unable to see the caballado.

Of all the mud-slinging, back-biting, good common sense and ungod common sense, it seems that those two boys had all of their hip pockets full of stuff, and then some, to throw at each other. If you happened to be standing in the way of the missile you caught it.

These two boys grew up here among us and we believe they were raised right, but if they don't respect their good moral training and the prayers of father and mother, and the admonitions of the people, how can they expect to keep the caballado together?

Have we not a man that fears God and with all of his heart, loves the people as himself, who would put no barrier between man and man? Would actually be the governor of and for all the people?

Things that T. H. McGregor stands as the man, to trust with the governorship of the state of Texas just now. What do you say, boys? Every body with shoulders to the wheel and help roll the caballado.

In Monday's Fort Worth Record, Aug. 30, 1920:
Total vote for Neff and Bailey 411,603
Total vote for state 1,100,000
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Balance to be heard from . . . 688,397
Vote of state 1,100,000
Neff's caballado 241,968

Caballado left, including 858,032
Neff's 241,968
I wonder whose back wagon these old war horses are going to be hitched up to on Nov. 2, 1920, when the final round up is made?

I will try to get the Forum a few subscribers. On with the work.
S. H. CLARK,
Rising Star, Texas.
(We will greatly appreciate you sending us a few subscribers; now, as we are trying to reach our good friends everywhere.—Editor.)

THE RULE OF THE ROTTEN MACHINE.
To the readers of the Forum: The battle of ballots has been fought. Autocracy has won out, by electing a slacker and a socialist. You have the opportunity now to elect Mr. McGregor, who is a statesman and educated

gentleman and a clean politician and a democrat.
The daily papers have denounced those who voted for Mr. Bailey as "renegades" and not respected as democrats. Therefore they are not expected to vote for Neff at the November election. No self respecting gentleman who is a democrat can justify his conscience by doing so. I suggest to all those who voted for Mr. Bailey to support Mr. McGregor and save Texas from the disgrace of having to be dictated to by a second class lawyer, a tool of the rotten political bosses, a socialist and a slacker.

Now is the opportunity for all true patriots who love their state and local self government to join in with the American Party and save the principles of Jeffersonian democracy to the people of Texas. Let all who are opposed to the rule of the rotten political machine at the polls go to the polls on the day of the November election and vote for McGregor.
A. J. MURPHEY,
Nacogdoches, Texas.
(The thing for all good citizens to do now is to vote the American Party ticket and it looks like thousands of them are going to do it.—Editor.)

EMPTIED AND SCATTERED HIS BEANS.
Ferguson Forum: I notice in last week's issue a letter from J. H. Williamson, "What do the Democrats

think not being a true, all round American. I did not believe the democratic nominee was a slacker either. I never thought of such a thing until after the last primary when I read his own statement. As I understand that statement, he knew (or he thought) he was young enough to enter service, at the time of the last call or draft. This won't do. Texas has always sent volunteers. Texas has had brave men at home and abroad. We can't stand this in Texas. I draw my conclusions from what the nominee said himself, not from what Bailey said on the stump. Or Thomason. What Thomason said was the undeniable truth, I believe. I never heard Bailey say anything about him that I doubted. But the man, himself, is his own condemner. Behold! A man asks to be elected governor of a state where education is upheld, where schools are free, who does not know his own age and who admits it!

SAMUEL H. COWART,
San Antonio, Texas.
(From what he said, he seems not to have known his age.—Editor.)

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In his explanation of his age, when the speech making was over, he said his mother informed him the year of registration that he was one year older than he had thought all his life. He was. This may be true, but why has he sworn since he was thus informed that he was born in 1872? A bug under the chip somewhere.
They have forced us women into politics against the majority of the men voters and against the majority of the will of the women. I want to ask every woman that loves home and the welfare of her children more than she does politics and negro equality to go to the polls one time and vote for men who will repeal the nineteenth amendment to the constitution for the great majority of people are against it. We have seen and heard enough since women entered politics

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