The Ferguson Forum

With the Political Lawyer







Back to the Pulpit With the Political Preacher

VOLUME I

TEMPLE, TEXAS, THURSDAY, MAY 23, 1918.

FERGUSON SURE TO BE SEATED AS GOVERNOR

J. B. Hubbard, Belton Lawyer, says Judges Fisher, Hunter and Harvey Have Made Plain the Law, While Crane Asks People to Accept His Unsupported Interselves to Schemes of Designing Politicians.

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Texas democrat to an appeal from a candidate for a place on the criminal court of appeals for votes.

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The view of these matters of record, I cannot support your candidacy for the high office which you seek.

Very yours,

R. M. KENDRICK,
Dear Sir: Acknowledging receipt of yours of the 10th inst., asking my indorsement of your candidacy for judge of the court of criminal appeals, have to advise as follows:

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FERGUSON, LIKE CAESAR, BETRAYED BY FRIENDS

There is no more undesirable element in society than those who receive stolen goods and double guilt rests upon any man who receives property he knows was stolen. The governorship of Texas was stolen from James E. Ferguson and is now in the hands of one who had guilty knowledge of the crime.

There can be no incentive for political theft unless the spoils can be divided. Some one must receive and disburse the stolen goods or the motive for the theft perishes in the pretation—Voters Will Cure Solons of Lending Them- performance. There is no normal person quite so simple as to believe that the dark and degrading pieture of the impeachment would have shamed the honor, shocked the faith

To the Ferguson Forum: For some time I have had in contemplation witing an opinion upon the proposition that the attempted impeaciment proceedings against Governor Ferguson were absolutely void and, therefore, subject to collateral will stir in judgment. A half million sovereigns will vote "guilty" upon attack—an opinion which I have long held as a matter of first impression, and which, upon I tall investigation, became in my appropriate the court room where the highest tribunal of the land will stir in judgment. A half million sovereigns will vote "guilty" upon I tall investigation, became in my appropriate the court room where the highest tribunal of the land will stir in judgment. A half million sovereigns will vote "guilty" upon I tall investigation, became in my appropriate the court room where the highest tribunal of the land will stir in judgment. A half million sovereigns will vote "guilty" upon I tall investigation, became in my appropriate the court room where the highest tribunal of the land will stir in judgment. A half million sovereigns will vote "guilty" upon in the court room where the highest tribunal of the land will stir in judgment. A half million sovereigns will vote "guilty" upon in dispersion to judgment. A half million sovereigns will vote "guilty" upon in dispersion to judgment. A half million sovereigns will vote "guilty" upon in dispersion to judgment. A half million sovereigns will vote "guilty" upon in dispersion to judgment. A half million sovereigns will vote "guilty" upon in dispersion to judgment and disposition to judgment. A half million sovereigns will vote "guilty" upon in dispersion to judgment and disposition to the dispersion of the guilty of the State and will be deceived. It is the largest circumstance to the court of the

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NOTICE TO THE FORUM'S FRIENDS

The Forum is in receipt of a large number of communications and articles on timely matters of interest which it is impossible, on account of limited space, to print promptly and fully. Many of these will appear as space is found for them and, in the meantime, we ask the forbearance of our friends who may have sent articles for publication.

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THOUSANDS IN **HOUSTON HEAR** JIM FERGUSON

Texan of More Than Seventy Years Residence Introduces Him—Leading Citizens Meet Him and Auditorium Where He Speaks is Filled to Overflowing—Review of His Week's Tour-He Tells Something About the Bunch That is Fighting Him.

THE FERGUSON FORUM HEED RED CROSS APPEAL; HELP END HUN DUTRAGES Letters From

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Here's a heart for those that show me a heart ___ When my own is too tired to beat; Here's love for those that give me their love When the world is charged with hate; And here's to those that have done me wrong— Let's wipe it off the slate.

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Great is Texas and the people will rule!

If you are to be absent from your voting precinct July 28, take the precaution to file your ballot with the county clerk of your home county ten days before July 27.

Wool from the Shropshire sheep that have been grazing on the White House lawn will be sold at auction in Texas. The wool will reach the state capital tomorrow and the bidding

Spurning the Red Cross appeal by those abundantly able to help seems to bring trouble to the spurners. Refusal to help the Red Cross betokens a lack of human love and sympathy that would make a cannibal blush.

1916, denounced the plot of place-seekers and politicians to destroy Jim Ferguson, in an eloquent and forcible editorial.

Giving to the Red Cross is not charity; not casual donation; not merely giving from what you have over and above your ordinary needs. It is a duty to the brave men who are baring their breasts to the storm of shot, shell and steel hurled by the reasts to the storm of shot, shell and steel hurled by rule over the whole world. Do not regard your gift to the abundance. Give until you yourself feel it and then dig deeper and give more. The men at the front are giving life and limb, business careers, professional ambitions, in fact and truth giving ALL they have in the fight for world democracy, and it is not asking too much of those who are at home to minister to their wounds, their ills and their distress.

Word comes from Washington that the president has told one of his Texas visitors that while the drive is scheduled to raise \$100,000,000, more than \$150,000,000 will be needed to raise \$100,000,000, more than \$150,000,000 will be needed to raise \$100,000,000, more than \$150,000,000 will be needed to raise \$100,000,000, more than \$150,000,000 will be needed to raise \$100,000,000 more than \$150,000,000 will be needed to raise \$100,000,000 more than \$150,000,000 will be needed to raise \$100,000,000 more than \$150,000,000 will be needed to raise \$100,000,000 more than \$150,000,000 will be needed to raise \$100,000,000 more than \$150,000,000 will be needed to raise \$100,000,000 more than \$150,000,000 will be needed to raise \$100,000,000 more than \$150,000,000 will be needed to raise \$100,000,000 more than \$150,000,000 will be needed to raise \$100,000,000 more than \$150,000,000 will be needed to raise \$100,000,000 more than \$150,000,000 will be needed to raise \$100,000,000 more than \$150,000,000 will be needed to raise \$100,000,000 more than \$150,000,000 will be needed to raise \$100,000,000 more than \$150,000,000 will be needed to raise \$100,000,000 more than \$150,000,000 will be needed to raise \$100,000,000 more than \$150,000,000 will be needed to raise \$100,000,000 more than \$150,000,000 will be needed to raise \$100 Giving to the Red Cross is not charity; not casual donation;

Safety first: Women should register, whether in country or city.

Advertise in the Forum and reach the readers of more than 240 Texas counties.

Again comes to the rumor that Hindenburg, the brute, is dead. God grant the rumor proves true.

Cactus Thorns make unpleasant beds for advocates of student mobs and University graft to lie upon.

Registration of women for the primary election will begin June 26. Don't fail to register before July 12.

Read the Forum. It costs you one dollar a year and tells the truth. Clubs of ten or more at seventy-five cents a year.

Old Hindenburg is not the first man who met disaster by trying to play futures. His advent into Paris is still further delayed.

The larger the response to the Red Cross appeal the greater terror will it strike into the hearts of the kaiser's cohorts of horror.

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Life's pleasure and happiness.

Surely in comparison with their gifts in the cause of world causely in comparison with their gifts in the cause of world safety and world democracy it is as little as we can do to deny ourselves some of those things that can be dispensed with. Give up wheat that the soldiers may have food to build up their fighting strength; give up money that the wounded, sick, maimed, blind and imprisoned may be made useful and restored to some measure of strength and health.

The Red Cross appeal is made to all of us; to rich and poor, to plutocrat and day laborer, to women, to men, to children. It is an appeal that girdles the globe, sounds in the hourse of the palace; echoes in the market place and the luxurious cub rooms; stirs the hearts of mothers whose boys are in the trenches and of mothers whose boys are in the palace; echoes in the market place and the luxurious cub rooms; stirs the hearts of mothers whose boys are in the palace; echoes in the market place and the luxurious cub rooms; stirs the hearts of mothers whose boys are in the palace; echoes in the market place and the luxurious cub rooms; stirs the hear

The Southland Farmer, an alleged agricultural publication in Houston, is out with an earnest appeal for the election of Hobby. The voters of Texas will recall that this same Southland Farmer has been spreading throughout the state the propaganda for the destruction of the homestead law of Texas. Thousands upon thousands of circulars appealing for the overthrow of the homestead law have been sent broadcast over the state. The Southland Farmer tries, in its camfpaign for robbing the farmer's wife and little children of the protection of the homestead law, to delude the people with the argument that the benefits of the federal farm loan bank cannot be properly bestowed unless the homestead law is destroyed. It destroy Jim Ferguson, in an eloquent and forcible editorial. Read it in another portion of this issue of the Forum.

"Sometimes it looks like a race between the Germans and the Austrians as to which shall win the war last," says a sapient exchange. But there's a third party in this race that will probably beat both the Germans and Austrians to the last position in their free-for-all marathon.

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Most respectfully, Stonewall, Texas, May 15, 1918.

WILLIAM W. MARTIN, Stonewall, Texas, May 15, 1918.

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Hon. James E. Ferguson,

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Loyal Texans

Hobby's Contempt For Woman Suffrage Bill as Shown By Record Of the Texas Senate

Editor Forum: A Ferguson club was formed Saturday night May 18 at Womack, Bosque county, with a membership of over forty all present, and it was stated, that out of about 106 total voting strength of the Womack box Governor Ferguson will get 100 votes at the coming primary.

The gathering was addressed at length by Tom. M. Pool, a farmer and ranchman, living below Clifton who, in no mistaken terms, stated

introduced by his political friends and advisers as one of their so-called "war measures," the primary object being to "win the war" in the first, then in the second line trenchees, barricaded behind the profection provided by the women voters and the double primary act. Of course, the whole scheme was political and designed to capture the women vote in the primaries.

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of the club and T. J. Rhodes secretary and all piedged their willingness to assist any other community in organizing Ferguson clubs,

W. D. FERRIS,

STRONGER THAN EVER FOR FERGUSON.

Editor Forum: I am very greatly pleased with your paper and don't want to miss an issue of it. I regard it as the only source from which I can get the facts concerning the political issues involved in the present and it as the only source from which I can get the facts concerning the political issues involved in the present and the cast a sur upon their ambiliations become "equal votors" with men? When did he deliberately be their moral confidence and why I should not support him now. He made us a good governor; was faithful to the trusts reposed in him by the votes of the people.

I have been a supporter of Gov. James E. Ferguson ever since he first became a candidate for governor and I fail to see any reason why I should not support him now. He made us a good governor; was faithful to the trusts reposed in him by the votes of the people.

I consider his attempted impeachment a great outrage and, in consequence of it, I am today a more ardent supporter of him han I was before. During my several months for the word any one express himself, or berself, in favor of Hobby. I suppose the are any, they are ashamed to make a first of the proper committee to receive it. Year governor where the committee on commerce and manufacturing," instead of to the "committee on commerce and manufacturing," instead of to the "committee on commerce and manufacturing," instead of to the "committee on commerce and manufacturing," instead of to the "committee on the area of the proper committee to receive it. I was Licutate and the proper committee on the committee on the committee on the committee on the same of the word.

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Editor Houston Post: Your editorial of May 9 (Under title "Lining Up Against Hobby") is an insult to every decent voter in the city of Houston and in the state. Never in all my life have I read anything so rabid. I cannot conceive in my mind that an editor of the leading paper in Texas could allow himself to stoop to the level of yellow journalism, just to vent his feelings against those who dare to vote their sentiments if they are against the wishes of this disgruntled editor.

Since when has the Post taken it

eertainly is strange I would vote for Mr. Ferguson.

I will tell you why, to repudiate his unfair impeachment and every political preacher and grafter that is against him. Every fair-minded man in Texas that kept up with his trial knows that it was unjust. One thing to be gained by the editorial is; we will know all the pro-Germans, spies, slackers I. W. W's and socialists (?) when we count the votes July 27, and, to your suffrise, you will find the state overrun with the above mentioned and you will be wonder-

PAPER IS SCORED
FOR INSULT TO
VOTERS OF TEXAS

Houston Man Denounces
Post for Editorial Reflecting on All Who Dare Espoulse the Cause of Jim
Ferguson in His Fight.

Following is a copy of a letter-sent
by an outraged reader to the Houst
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by as a democrat:

"Dallas, Texas, May 15, 1918.

"G. W. Green, precinct chairman,
Hobby Campaign committee,
Winnsboro, Texas.

"Dear Mr. Green: Our county chairman, M. D. Carlock, has advised us of your appointment as precinct chairman in our Hobby for governor.

except nine.

"I am now ready to meet him at any time to defend Gov. Ferguson's interest in this campaign. I am stronger now for Ferguson than I ever was because, like our blessed Savior, he was taken by wicked hands and crucified with no chance of appeal from this cruel mob, except of the patriotic people of Texas, and what they will do to M. M. Crane and the rest of that mob will be long remembered by them and their sort.

1, 1917, is negative.

His whole attitude to that time seems to have been one of in inactivity and lack of interest. If he had purposes he never told them, but "let concealment, like a worm in the bud, feed upon his damask cheek."

His relations with the Governor were harmonious and placid. This is shown by a letter to Ferguson of date June 4th, relating to the West Texas A. & M. College, and in which he said he was going to leave that matter to the Governor. Prior to this

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Since when has the Post taken it upon, itself to tell the people of Texas how and whom to vote for, and, if they don't vote to its liking, we are spies and in fact everything on the calendar that is low. Now, Mr. Editor, odn't you think the voters of Texas are getting in a pretty bad fix when they have to consult the Houston Post how to vote, for fear they will be interned for being German propagandists, or poolroom loafers, and assure that we are at all times ready to cooperate with you and hope to bear from you as forten as possible as to conditions in your section.

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"Yours very truly.

"HOBEY CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE.

"We F. F. Hill, Chairman Hobby are poolroon loafers, bootleggers, poor press and procuresses. Now, don't you think that is going a long ways, now don't you think that is going a long ways, now don't you think that is going a long ways, now don't you think that is going a long ways, now don't you think that is going a long way the pool of the continuity of wood.

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At that Dallas meeting two of the most active participants were Mr. W. C. Hogg, of Houston, and Hon, Chester Terrell, of San Antonio, constituting in themselves the dynamic force and intellect not only of that meeting, but of the impeachment. In the plastic hands of these two men a man of Mr. Hobby's weakness would be as responsive as the clay to the touch of the potter. Mr. Hogg, at the Dallas meeting, stated that the papers would not publish what he had to say for fear of being sued. He stated, however, that he would say something later. He kept his word and his circular letter dated at Austin, July 19th, in a wonder.

The first sentetnee in that interview puts it in a class of Billingsgate by itself. Hoog is not only a man of ability, but of personal force and prodigious energy, and he never let up on Ferguson from the time he advocated his impeachment at Dallas on June 16th until the judgment of the Senate war entered against him.

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San Antonio, Tex. 6-30-'17.

Hon, F. O. Fuller,
Cold Springs, Texas.
Understand that Davis is making affidavit that he did not vote for Abilene except to make unanimous will you make affidavit as to your vote and to me? Wire answer my expense.

CHESTER H. TELLELL.

Houston, Tex., 7-3'-17
Hon. F. O. Fuller,
Cold Springs, Texas.
Do you want to have meeting of board in Austin Friday? If so will go. Why not meet me here Thursday and discuss matters and determine if necessary to go to Austin.

W. P. HOBBY.

Cold Springs, Tex., 7-4-'17.

Hon. W. P. Hobby,
Houston, Texas.

Telegram read. Meet me at
Brazos Hotel 8 o'clock Thursday
p. m. Have wired Gov. Ferguson
I will be in Austin Friday at
F. O. FULLER.

San Antonio, Tex., 7-12-'17
F. O. Fuller,
Cold Springs, Texas.
Can you meet me at Rice Hotel tomorrow?
CHESTER H. TELLELL.

Cold Springs, Tex., 7-13-'17 Hon. Chester H. Terrell, San Antonio, Texas. Will meet you Saturday morning. F. O. FULLER.

Cold Springs, Tex., 7-16-'17
W. P. Hobby, Houston, Tex.
Meet me Macatee Hotel Tuesday
eve at 7 p. m. Ans.
F. O. FULLER.

San Antonio, Tex., 7-17-'17
F. O. Fuller, Cold Springs, Tex.
Cannot be in Houston tomorrow
night. Can be there Saturday
morning. Wire if satisfactory.
CHESTER H. TERRELL.

McGregor Bares Details Of Infamous Conspiracy Against Jim Ferguson

In ringing words Former Senator
T. H. McGregor of Austin, facing an audience of about 1,500 including ed the penitentiary history and about four hundred women, in the Temple City park Tuesday evening reviewed the record of the constructive work of James E. Ferguson as governor of Texas in behalf of all the people of Texas and held up to public scorn and condemnation the record of the conspirators who deliberately plotted his overthrow and the setting aside of the will of the people, expressed by a majority of more than 60,000 votes at the polls. His speech was eloquent and illuminating: he backed his statements with records and challenged any one present who doubted any of his assertions to an inspection of the uncontested official records which he carried with him. He went into details of events that showed Hobby's guilty knowledge of the plot to hurl from his office the governor of the state on whose ticket he had been elected. Especially did he show how Hobby had treated the bill for woman suffrage with contempta and ridicule when he referred the measure to the senate committee on commerce and manufacturing at the regular session of the Thirty-fifth legislature. Senator McGregor arrived in Temple from Austin at 3:10 in the afternoon and was met at the depot by a large delegation from the Ferguson Central club of Bell county and escorted to his hotel, where he rested and received friends during the afternoon. At 7:30 a band gave a concert in the parks and at 8:15 the efficers and the products and showed how Ferguson deministration were and manufacturing at the regular session of the Thirty-fifth legislature.

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H. Evetts.

The speaker was introduced by Mr.
Evetts, who took occasion to go into some local history concerning A. C.
Buchanan, one of the men who voted for the impeachment of Governor Ferguson and his recital of that history was greeted with loud applause, showing the strong sentiment of censure of the man who had turned to betray one who had befriended him under circumstances that would, with most men, have evoked far different treatment.

Senator M'Gregor told his audience how he had been a close observer of the events at Austin that culminated in the senate attempt to disfranchise and cast a stigma upon Governor Ferguson. He said emphatically that Ferguson had been gullty of no wrong; that the attack upon him was the result of a long and carefully planned conspiracy and that the voters of Texas will restore Ferguson to the governor's office and he will be seated and will serve the people who elected him

He pictured in graphic words the monuments made by Ferguson for the protection of the blind, the deaf and dumb children of the state, showed how appropriations for the university had grown from \$10.000 in

THOUSANDS IN HOUSTON HEAR JIM FERGUSON

STATE PLATFORM OPENLY DEFIED BY UNIVERSITY

John H. Bickett Jr., at San Antonio, in Presenting Ferguson to Voters, Says **Question Is Whether State** or University Shall Rule.

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Sally Jane Spottswood Hears of Governor's Western Texas Tour