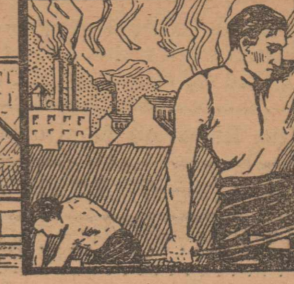


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FERGUSON IS GIVEN OVATION IN EAST TEXAS

Crowd of More Than 5000 Greet Him at Port Arthur—A Like Gathering Hears Him at Orange and at San Augustine 2000 Farmers and Workmen Listen to Him. Replies at Arlington to Barry Miller.

At San Augustine Wednesday afternoon, June 19, Governor Ferguson was introduced to an enthusiastic audience of more than 2000 farmers, laboring men and many of their wives and other ladies by Mrs. Felix Deen. He spoke for about two hours discussing the issues of the campaign for the governor's office and was given generous and enthusiastic applause throughout.

From Arlington to the Gulf of Mexico at Port Arthur, then back into East Texas visiting Orange and San Augustine, Governor Ferguson this week has met and spoken to thousands of patriotic Texans who have cheered his utterances and encouraged him with their pledges and assurances of active and aggressive support in his candidacy for the governorship of Texas.

After an illness which kept him off the stump for some days, he went to Arlington where he not only discussed his candidacy but bared the record of Barry Miller, who after voting against impeachment and refusing to approve the sending to the senate of the report of the house adverse to Governor Ferguson, now is telling audiences that he had to quit Ferguson when the latter gave his testimony before the house investigating committee. The record shows that Miller stuck to the Ferguson colors until the last act on the part of the house was recorded and he voted against that, which was transferring the scene of the charges to the senate.

LARGE AUDIENCES EVERYWHERE.

Several thousand heard Governor Ferguson at Arlington, 5000 heard him at Port Arthur, about the same number heard him at Orange and at San Augustine, where he spoke Wednesday, he had an audience of about 2000. His campaign is finding new strength in every section of the state and wherever he speaks the people turn out in large throngs to listen and approve. His clear, straight forward showing of the inner details of his trouble with the University gives the people information on that subject and wins him commendation for the course he took in connection with the University and its autocratic officers and agents.

REOPENS WITH ARLINGTON SPEECH.

When Governor Ferguson resumed his speaking tour, after being forced to remain at home several days on account of illness, he opened at Arlington, in Tarrant county, and there he made a vigorous and telling reply to a speech by Barry Miller, one of the Dallas county representatives in the legislature. His audience, in marked contrast to that of about twenty-five persons, which greeted him when he first spoke in Arlington four years ago as a candidate for governor, numbered more than two thousand, and completely choked the intersection of Arlington's two principal streets. He held the attention of his large audience more than two hours and received enthusiastic evidences of the approval and indorsement of the great crowd in frequent outbursts of applause and cheering, interspersed with words of comment.

He was introduced by Arlington's mayor and launched out into his answer to Barry Miller in characteristic and emphatic style. He told how when he read in the papers that Barry Miller had made a speech at Arlington saying that he had stuck with Ferguson until he heard Ferguson's testimony in the impeachment hearing in the house, and then had felt that he could stay longer, he was astounded that Miller would so distort the truth and the official records. He said he had sent a telegram to Hobby at Cameron asking if he vouched for Miller as one of his spokesmen, and that Hobby did not answer until he repeated his telegram to him at Cleburne, when Hobby replied by referring him to Miller, and added, "Mr. Miller will be able to answer any question."

Thus, he said, Hobby had disowned Barry Miller. "He is a political orphan," the speaker said, "and I have the report of Louis Wortham's paper as to what Miller said here. Louis is one of the twelve men who have been promised Hobby's support for the governorship next time. I learn from Mr. Wortham's paper that Barry Miller said he stayed with me until he heard my own testimony and then we had to part company. After hearing him say that I know you will be astounded when I read you the record which clearly shows that after I had testified and after everybody had testified and after the argument was closed, Barry Miller voted against the resolution introduced by Bledsoe of Lubbock to prefer articles of impeachment against me. If he was convinced of my guilt by my testimony, there was his opportunity to show it. I tell you that was not only a kangaroo legislature, but a crooked kangaroo legislature."

Challenge to Hobby.

"I understand that Miller and others of the Hobby crowd have been trying to charge that I borrowed \$156,000 from the kaiser. With the best secret service this country has ever had, they are a lot of one-faced political liars. I'll give \$1000 to the Red Cross if you will get Will Hobby to come out before a public meeting and say that I borrowed \$56,000 from the kaiser. He won't do it."

"The Hobby crowd tell it that I was impeached by my own friends on my own testimony, when anyone who was reading the newspapers at that time must recall that twenty-one of the thirty-one senators were in a contract before the legislature ever met to vote for my impeachment."

"When I ran for office four years ago I told the people that I wanted to do something for the tenant farmers and the politicians all over the state."

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Alien Enemy Owned Hotel in Dallas Is Hobby Headquarters

Dallas, Tex., June 19.—The location of Hobby headquarters in the Oriental hotel, property of the Busch estate, which has been taken over by the federal government as enemy owned alien property, is causing some criticism about the city. This is heightened by the charge made in the speech of C. C. McDonald, in behalf of Ferguson, made here Tuesday, that all the breweries are supporting Hobby and using more grain than ever, manufacturing soft drinks on which they pay no tax to state, county or city.

Color to this charge is given by the fact that, heretofore, candidates running under prohibition auspices always have had their headquarters in other hotels and away from the Oriental, which ever has been recognized as brewery headquarters.

Establishing Hobby headquarters in a hotel of enemy alien ownership is not calculated to strengthen his support among the real, sincere and dyed-in-the-wool prohibitionists or among American patriots anywhere in the state.

TO EVERY WOMAN IN TEXAS, URBAN AND SUBURBAN

The greatest opportunity of our lives is at hand. It is the opportunity to vote. This opportunity has come to some of the women of our state as a result of patient labor and sacrificing endeavor. It has come to other women of our state without the slightest effort or exertion upon their part and these, therefore, deserve no credit for it. At the same time, it is here with us, this great opportunity, and we must meet it, embrace it, and make the very most of it. More than one-half of the women of this state, probably, care not one thing about equal suffrage and, if procuring the ballot had been left with them, the women in Texas would not have voted for a hundred years. Some of this "one-half" are saying that "they don't intend to vote." It is to these especially that I am appealing.

In spite of the small and contemptible attempts on the part of those who have sought to mislead us in both spoken and written opinions in regard to the necessity of "registering," I beg that every one of us shall BE SURE TO REGISTER BETWEEN JUNE 26 AND JULY 12. Believe no one who tells you "that it doesn't matter whether women register or not," for it does matter, so, be on the safe side and register! Registration requires only a few minutes and there is nothing like being sure of an important thing, especially in this imperative hour of preparedness.

As a sex, as women, and as individuals we can stand straight up for rugged honesty, old-time Democracy, and the people of the soil. We can vote for a man for Governor who is heart and soul of all these, and his name and good deeds are beloved and familiar to the great masses of our people. This man is Governor James E. Ferguson, and he has been treated with the foulest, lowest, smallest injustice of which men's minds can conceive.

When this man is re-elected to the office of Governor, the men and women of Texas will place the stamp of their approval upon the strong, fine qualities which should fortify this office. They will everlastingly rebuke those self-centered politicians who, believing they had the opportunity to stop a brilliant, meteoric career and fearing Governor Ferguson, if continued in office, would expose their trickery and dishonesty, voted to remove him from office. Hiding behind that poor, threadbare, ever-elastic thing which cannot talk back, the "Constitution," those twenty-seven politicians, accidentally members of the Texas Senate, voted to put the man out of office who was not the advocate of sleight-of-hand, soft-talking demagoguery or rapid word-painting.

He, who was the friend of the people who live in highways, hedges, byways, and on ranches, on farms, in small towns, in big towns, and every other place where simple honesty and brotherly love abound. Not one of these twenty-seven Senators who voted against Governor Ferguson was in a position to "cast the first stone." Take the time, sometime, to prove this statement, for a surprise is in store for most of you. A majority of 65,000 citizens put Governor Ferguson in the Governor's chair, the votes of twenty-seven politicians put him out. Of this twenty-seven, half were seeking favors, or preferment, either appointive or elective, as subsequent events have proved. They chose what they considered the line of least resistance, but before they "chose" they forgot to remove the bandage of selfishness from their eyes.

If the mothers and wives of men propose to stand squarely up for the right—and we certainly look to them to do this—let them brand as false that contemptible statement that "Governor Ferguson is pro-German." Not one of the slanderers, along this dangerous line of libel, has dared to attempt to give the source of his information. No human being can prove that Governor Ferguson is not actually, unequivocally, positively American in blood, association, affiliation, in all personal and business relations, and in all action and activity. He has true friends among every class and kind and condition and race and nationality of men and women on earth. For his great heart is the kind of heart that attracts the love and the confidence of many people. The accusation that Governor Ferguson is "pro-German" not only casts a malicious slander at him, but it slanders those American-born Germans, both men and women, many of whom are devoted Texans. These citizens who, not only by every act of citizenship, are standing by and supporting our country, but who are giving their sons to fight with the allies in putting down Teutonic autocracy and barbaric imperialism. To accuse Governor Ferguson of alien sympathy is to cast a javelin that will rebound upon the hand that casts it.

The story that "the breweries furnished his campaign funds" is so old by this time, having been attributed to every successful aspirant for office for the last forty years, it is hardly necessary to refer to it. No successful campaigner in Texas has ever escaped this malediction. No human being can prove such allegiance or alliance on the part of Governor Ferguson, no human eye has ever seen or ear heard one word which can substantially prove it. He simply is the target for reproach and ignominy and criticism and envy and jealousy, as all truly great men in every time and clime have ever been.

There are, however, some things about Governor Ferguson that CAN be substantially proven, and positive, actual facts should count for something. He is the first Governor of this or any other state, so the records prove, who ever advocated and approved a million dollar appropriation for rural schools. Every Governor of Texas before him had the same opportunity, but not one of them seemed to care what became of our boys and girls in the country. He sought to scourge the University of Texas of dishonesty and white-washed deception in money affairs. If you don't believe this, try to get somebody connected with the University to deny that salaries were paid to certain "names," "signed and sworn to," upon the University pay roll, which "names" represented no man on earth. This method was employed simply as a means to get money out of the state treasury for the use and misuse of the University authorities. Just ask any University attaché about this, for they all know about it. If you don't believe moral conditions are unsound at the University of Texas, get a copy of the "Cactus," the annual publication of the student body, which outrageous output has received the published approval of a member of the faculty, who is also the author of one of the text books used at the University. This professor states that this Cactus "is a credit to the University." When Governor Ferguson discovered trickery, deception, and methods as base as those employed in the lowest establishments of graft and greed, he certainly did let the people, whose taxes support that University, know all about it. They have a right to know what their money is being used for. Had he failed to let the people know this, he would not be true to you or to me, or to our tax-supported institutions.

Go to Austin and look at that superb home for the helpless blind children, fire-proof and perfect in construction. This great institution Governor Ferguson fostered and fathered, and removed the poor, little, afflicted ones from the fire trap, which had threatened their helpless little lives for twenty-five years. See that institution for feeble-minded children, read from the records of his administration and see what he did for normal schools—which schools, like the public schools and rural schools, are close to the people. See what he did for the A. & M. College, see what he did for the aged in the state institutions, and read what he planned to do for the crowded insane in the asylums and jails and was stopped by the pretended impeachment. There are many men and women in Texas who know the truth about this man, and all of these will vote for him.

Let Texas womanhood, motherhood and wifehood stand for bold, strong, capable service. Let the women of this state be the means of elevating again to office their friend, whose life has been devoted to high home ideals, whose record as husband, father, son, and unselfish friend stands without a blemish in faithfulness, purity, and devotion. A large number of women who will support Governor Ferguson are the mothers of large families, the wives of laboring men, and those women themselves in business employment. For our business women have come in actual contact with his successful endeavors to help all of us who work. There are some shining examples among our club women, and among our women, who are strong advocates of equal suffrage, who are untiring advocates of Ferguson. There are a number of women, graduates of the University of Texas, who are stoutly supporting him. Among the Texas women who are doing all within their power for Governor Ferguson in the name of simple Right and Justice are some of the noblest, strongest women in this state.

We, in Texas,—some of us without realizing it, perhaps,—have with us a really great character. One who is writing his name not upon the sand, or upon rock, or upon marble, but upon the hearts of men and women and into the history of a nation. Let every woman in Texas look squarely and fairly at this matter and be not deceived. Then use your God-given intuition, which is woman's supremest gift, go to the polls and vote. Let no designing political or paid demagogue try to "reason" you out of doing the right thing, or "persuade" you, for you have just as good "reasoning powers" as they have. In addition to "reasoning powers" you have "intuition," which no man on earth ever had or ever will have. Follow your intuition and you can't go wrong. Intuitively you will vote for Ferguson!

SALLY JANE SPOTTSWOOD.

NEW DRIVE BY HUNS HALTED BY THE FRENCH

Germans Make Desperate Attempt to Straighten Out Lines Left in Peril by Failure of Recent Push on the Marne. Austria Beaten Back in Effort to Break Italian Lines Now Faces Hunger and Riot at Home.

Rheims is the target of a new drive by the Germans but the French are making a strong resistance and the Huns have failed to make any headway against the historic city. Around Rheims violent combats have developed, the Germans suffering heavy losses. Prisoners taken by the French say that three divisions were ordered to capture the town at all costs. The front of this attack is a semi-circle around the city, approximately fourteen miles long.

The attack is supposed to have been begun with the object of straightening out the awkward position in the German line caused by the recent offensive on the Marne, which failed to jar the allies loose from the Rheims fortress. A violent struggle has developed in this new front, which is approximately a semi-circle around the city of Rheims.

Prisoners taken by the French say that already three divisions have been thrown into the fighting with orders to take the city regardless of the cost. They are finding progress to be difficult in the face of the solid resistance, however. The official report this morning made no mention of ground having been given up. It adds that the German losses are terrific.

Official reports from England say that the blockading of the outlet for German destroyers and submarines by the attack on Zebrugge, has been shown to be far more successful than at first claimed. There now are twenty-one German destroyers, many submarines and other craft in the Bruges canal unable to get out on account of the blockading of Zebrugge. This feat was one of the most daring of the war and its great success is giving much joy to the allies.

The Austrians also are continuing their desperate attacks along the Piave, but the Italian line everywhere is holding. Apparently the Austrians see their only hope in enlarging their gains across the river, having been disastrously checked in the mountain regions. The enemy, however, is making little if any headway in his great onslaught.

Austria's grave food situation coupled with the apparent failure of the new offensive against Italy, is exciting pessimistic comment in the Vienna press. An official dispatch today from Zurich quotes the Arbeiter Zeitung, of Vienna, as saying:

"The situation will be still more serious in Vienna when the sanguinary

defeat of the imperial forces on the Italian front becomes known."

A German U-boat operating off the American coast has been destroyed, together with its crew, by an American submarine, according to passengers arriving here on a coastwise steamer. The passengers say the victorious American crew told them of the engagement, which took place off the Virginia capes several days ago.

Hobby Told By Woman to Write Book On Ethics of Borrowing From Brewers

W. P. Hobby Headquarters, Dallas, Texas. Dear Sirs: Replying to your letter and literature which you sent me a few days ago, will say that I do not approve your brief administration nor your candidacy.

First. Your treatment of the woman suffrage bill while you was lieutenant governor show conclusively that you are insincere and are entitled to no credit whatever for the tangled up suffrage bill passed by the legislature.

Second. While Mr. Ferguson did more for you than all the rest of your friends in Texas, it is clear to my mind that you betrayed him and deserted the friends that raised you to place and power and went over to the common enemy that had denounced you and him both, and formed a conspiracy to assassinate his character and drive him from office and put a stain upon the good name of him and his family in order that you might become governor.

Third. You are flooding the mails with literature, repeating all the mean things said about Mr. Ferguson in 1916. And yet at that time you gave out interviews saying those charges were false and denounced the men as conspirators who sent them out.

Fourth. You say you want harmony now, for the sake of winning the war, and yet you and your henchmen started this row, as much so as Germany started the war, when you spent \$200,000.00 of the people's money to impeach Mr. Ferguson, when you knew he had committed no crime.

Fifth. You say the proudest act of your life is the signing of the appropriation bill for the University, which gives to each of its students seventy-five times as much money as is given to the student of the rural schools.

Sixth. Your prohibition record is a huge joke. You have never denied being an anti. You have never explained why one of your campaign managers recently shipped 795 pounds of booze from Fort Worth. Why did not you do something for submission during the three years you presided over the state senate? You are trying to slander Mr. Ferguson for borrowing money and yet you admit that you borrowed \$16,000.00 from the head of the biggest brewery in Texas, who wanted submission defeated. There is not the least shadow of suspicion about any loan Mr. Ferguson ever received. You also know that other ex-state officials who borrowed money from breweries are backing you in your race.

You could out-rival Mark Twain if you would write a book, entitled, "Ethics of Borrowing Money from Breweries and Running for Governor on the Prohibition Ticket."

Seventh. It is my opinion that the people of Texas are as determined to restore Jim Ferguson and family to the governor's mansion as they are to restore the French and Belgian families to their homes. For he has done more for the boys and girls of the rural districts, the tenant farmers and the toiling masses than any governor Texas ever had. And we believe his so-called impeachment trial is the greatest mockery of justice since the trial of Christ.

BETSY W. BLACKWELL

McKinney, Tex., June 13, 1918.

Official Record of House Contradicts Barry Miller Who Now Supports Hobby

Barry Miller, one of the representatives from Dallas in the Thirty-fifth legislature, who fought against the reporting of impeachment charges by the house against Governor Ferguson, even voting "No" on the proposition to report to the senate that the house had voted to present such charges, now is going about the state making speeches in behalf of Representatives Hobby and telling those who gather to hear him that he stuck with Ferguson until the latter went on the stand and gave his testimony. Miller claims that it was on that testimony he quit the standard of Ferguson and voted to impeach him.

That the people of the state may know just what the record shows as to the action and votes of Representative Miller on the question of impeaching Governor Ferguson, citations are here made from the official Journal of the Thirty-fifth Legislature and from the official stenographic report of the court stenographers employed by the house to take down the testimony.

These citations show that Mr. Miller consistently and persistently opposed making charges of impeachment, holding that such drastic action should not be taken on the charges filed and the testimony that was offered to support them.

Bill of Particulars for Miller. Reviewing the proceedings of the impeachment investigation in the house last August, as given in the official House Journal and in the stenographic report by official court stenographers, employed by the house, it is found that Representative Miller opposed:

(First) To the action of the speaker in proposing the investigation, and to the resolutions filed by Messrs. Fly, Cope, Sentell, Bryan, Johnson, Clark and Spencer of Wise, styled, "providing for investigation of impeachment charges," etc.

(Second) To the ruling of Judge Bryan requiring Governor Ferguson to reveal the source of his loan of \$156,500, as voluntarily told of by Governor Ferguson while on the witness stand.

(Third) To the resolution by Mr. Bledsoe at the conclusion of the hearing, and after argument by counsel on both sides, providing for the appointment of a committee of nine to act as a board of managers to prepare articles of impeachment to present to the Senate.

(Fourth) To the adoption of the report of the committee of nine, presenting articles of impeachment against the governor.

(Fifth) To notification of the Senate that the House had adopted articles of impeachment.

How Mr. Miller Voted. Mr. Miller voted for the Bagby substitute for the Fly resolutions, the vote being "yeas 68, nays 55." Mr. Miller voting "no." The vote, however, being on the motion of Mr. Bledsoe to table the Bagby substitute. The motion to table was carried.

The Bagby substitute was divided, but lost on both parts, Mr. Miller going down with Mr. Bagby. Mr. Miller then offered an amendment to the main resolution, which was adopted.

Mr. Cope then "moved the previous question on the amendment," and the resolutions; the House refused to order the main question. The vote being "yeas 60, nays 64." Mr. Miller voting "no."

The resolutions were again amended. The question then "recurred on the Fly resolutions," which were adopted by a vote of 83 "yeas" to 41 "nays." Mr. Miller voting "no." (See pages 15, 16 and 18, bound volume, second called session, House Journal.)

On the Bledsoe resolution providing for the appointment of a committee of nine, and after the hearing of evidence and argument by counsel on all the charges, which proceedings had consumed practically three weeks, the vote on the Bledsoe resolution direct was "yeas 81 nays 52." Mr. Miller voting "no."

This last vote was taken after the full hearing in the house, after Governor Ferguson and the other witnesses had testified, after the attorneys had made their speeches, all of which proceedings Mr. Miller had sought by voice and vote to prevent and to which he was still opposed, his present statements to the contrary notwithstanding. Witness Ferguson had not condemned himself at that time, in the judgment of Juror Miller. That was Aug. 23, 1917. (Vol. IV, page 1327, of "Testimony and Proceedings," also (pages 67 and 68, bound volume, second called session, House Journal.)

Mr. Bledsoe's Resolution. Austin, Tex., Aug. 23, 1917. "To the Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives: The committee of the whole house on articles of impeachment instructed its chairman to report that they had finally concluded the investigation committed to them and submitted the following resolution adopted by said committee, as the full report to the House of Representatives: Be it resolved by the committee of the whole house, that this committee now rise, report back to the House that it had heard evidence touching the charges of official misconduct presented against James E. Ferguson, governor of Texas, and this committee is of the opinion that impeachment charges should be preferred against him in the Senate of Texas.

Be it further resolved, that inasmuch as Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House, made and filed the charges upon which the investigation was based, that the Hon. W. M. Fly, chairman of the committee of the whole house, appoint a committee of nine to act as a board of managers to prepare the articles of impeachment, to present them to the House for their approval, and if adopted, to prefer and present them to the Senate of Texas.

THOSE ANTI-FERGUSON SPEAKERS

Some of the daily papers, pledged to defend the conspiracy charges made by the Kangaroo impeachment court against Governor Ferguson, are undertaking to make intelligence the dupe of passion and justice the slave of prejudice. These false reasoners, in their impudent zeal, insult truth and labor to obscure the simplest and plainest principles of justice in a cloud of misrepresentation.

They try to befog the issue by telling you Ferguson was tried by his friends, but they carefully conceal the fact that twenty-one Senators were pledged to vote for impeachment before the legislature met and before the charges had been formulated. Such a technicality is an insignificant detail unworthy the consideration of these proponents of injustice. The right to challenge a partial jurymen is as valuable a right as the right of a trial, but Governor Ferguson was compelled to face a packed jury, some of whom are now out on the stump defending their vote and amusing their constituents by a portrayal of their mind as it waded to and fro on the brink of justice.

They are not content with prostituting their office, but insist that the people shall not review their findings. The wicked always fear the eye of justice and the unfaithful tremble in the presence of their masters.

Read the roster of anti-Ferguson speakers and writers and among them you will find more dignified crooks, righteous shysters and political prostitutes than have ever been assembled in any campaign in the state of Texas. Many of them are claiming to be Ferguson's friends and, like Lucifer, they have fallen and they are having about as hard a time justifying their conduct as did this original exponent of darkness.

We find political lawyers whose souls have always been for hire; political writers whose golden pens have been dipped in ink wells filled with poison, looking into the mirror of their own falsehoods and blushing with cunning and indignation.

There are some human brains that, like calf brains, can be bought. There are talkers and writers who, like the school teacher, are willing to teach that the world is round or flat as the directors require, willing to defend or assault justice, as their own interest indicates.

Many words have been spoken and many more written by these apostles of injustice on the sanctity of their interpretation of the Constitution. But our political curiosity leads us to inquire, "How many of these self-appointed custodians of our primary law would defend the enforcements of the amendments to the Constitution seeking to give negroes equal rights?" There never never was and there never will be a Constitution or a law that does not give way to justice and yield to public sentiment, and there ought not to be. We are one of the very few countries that have a written Constitution.

There is no more illegitimate and dangerous guide than the infallibility of man, yet the only argument these exponents of class rule advance is that legal technicalities in the impeachment trial were observed, but is there any man in Texas who would, without protest or with hope of justice, stand trial before a packed jury, the leaders of whom were political enemies and many so-called friends ambitious to rule or ruin?

These political highbrows look upon Ferguson as a little old-fashioned. If an invincible attachment to the rights of the people to rule is old-fashioned, then Ferguson is an old-fashioned fellow. He is a plain countryman, and a Jeffersonian Democrat who refuses to wear a political collar, "Made in the University." That is all the charge and all the evidence they want, and they leave the depravity of human nature and the violence of party rage to supply the argument of votes in the Kangaroo impeachment trial.

Letters From Loyal Texans

TELLS HOBBY THE NEWS. Hon. W. P. Hobby, Austin, Tex. Dear Sir: In reply to your inquiry of May 20 I beg leave to say: The attitude of the governor's race seems to be divided very much; unless the tide changes the Hon. James E. Ferguson will receive four to your one, for which we are indeed proud.

In reference to the campaign dope you are sending out, we will kindly ask you not to furnish us with any more of it, as it is a great expense to you and does none of us any good, as we do not believe one word of it. We, as a people of precinct No. 4, Upland county, still hold to that that is good: THAT GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE SHALL NOT PERISH FROM THE EARTH.

Thanking you for this inquiry and hoping to be at all times able to give you an answer to your inquiries, I am, Yours for Ferguson for governor, P. M. THOMAS. Rosewood, Tex., June 16, 1918.

BOY WISHES HE HAD A VOTE. Editor Forum: Inclosed is remittance for which please send me the Forum three months. I think the paper is a good one. I am not old enough to vote, but I wish I was and had one dozen votes to give for Ferguson. I long to see our friend, Jim, act as governor again, which I am well satisfied he will do in due time.

I heard Governor Ferguson speak at Cleburne and must say he made a very interesting speech. I wish I could convince everybody that Mr. Jim ought to be our governor. Please start my paper at once. Yours truly, JACK WILSON. Burleson, Tex., June 15, 1918.

WOMEN WILL FOOL HOBBY. Editor Forum: The people of the United States were never before so interested and so anxiously waiting for news from the war in Europe, in which we are participants, as now. Not even the two sections of our now common country during the Civil War. This war affects every people, civilized and savage, more or less, in the country, with the farmers behind him, the backbone of the country, Ferguson will lead. If the women of the country, who are worthy helpers of their farmer husbands, will go and register, Ferguson will be elected by a large majority, the best farmers' wives and women kin are not so proud of the privilege of voting as some others and will register, many of them, with considerable diffidence.

This woman suffrage business evidently was intended to defeat Governor Ferguson, but the best farmers of mice and men don't turn out sometimes as expected. Will somebody tell me where states' rights have gone; rights held sacred and for which many in this land have fought and died? Did the people about the little towns and cities, the papers ignore him and a trained crowd of politicians is after him. This, I think, when the people come to understand, will injure to his benefit. This array should arouse suspicion in

the breast of the most credulous. Very few, if any, of the professional politicians are playing with Governor Ferguson. Somehow this man never was popular with that kind of human—too matter-of-fact. One never can tell just what the people will do until the time comes. I guess Hobby will get his best vote about the little towns and cities. In the country, with the farmers behind him, the backbone of the country, Ferguson will lead. If the women of the country, who are worthy helpers of their farmer husbands, will go and register, Ferguson will be elected by a large majority, the best farmers' wives and women kin are not so proud of the privilege of voting as some others and will register, many of them, with considerable diffidence.

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News Given Hobby About Temple and Bell County From a Man Who Knows

Mr. W. P. Hobby, Austin, Texas. Your letter received, and must say it has afforded the boys around the dump lots of amusement. As per your request, I read your letter and have passed it around to my friends. I consider this a rare specimen of Campaign Thunder, and I don't mean anything personal when I say the rube who wrote the stuff could not make 45 in a grammar school as a theme writer.

I heartily agree with you that this race for governor means more to Texas than any previous election, and all to whom I have shown your letter agree that this is no time to consider a leader who is not true blue and loyal to his friends. All of them agree with me that one who would conspire against the governor of his own state, who having been duly elected by the largest majority ever given a governor, or say if elected again can not rule as governor, is, in my estimation, an I. W. W. in his embryonic form and if he should ever get large enough will oppose and impeach the president of our United States, and at this particular time we must elect men to office who are willing to abide by the will of the people and hold up the hands of every officer, from constable to president. Consequently we will feel much safer in following the dictates of one who has been true and tried, and even the Texas legislature could not make him violate his promise to a friend, or back up one inch.

In the literature you send me you say Governor Ferguson was tried three times by the legislature for misappropriation of public funds, and you should have finished that truth and said when he resigned he received a clear receipt from you stating he had paid the state every cent he owed. You intimate, or say, that Governor Ferguson got \$156,000.00 tainted money through a German agent. Your supporters assured us at one time from every daily paper in the state that the governor got the money from the brewery, and all we could read was, "Going to prove Jim Ferguson got the \$156,000.00 from the Brewery." As soon as it was proved that you got \$16,000.00 from the brewery (which was, considering the two men, largely out of proportion to what you claimed the governor got), it no longer became a crime to get money from a brewery, and you put out the S. O. S. sign that you were sinking and the story-writers have come to your rescue and are flooding the mail with dope that the German government bribed Governor Ferguson.

It is a safe proposition that one who conceived such an erroneous idea as judging Governor Ferguson by what he would have done under the same circumstances. People would think more of you if your friends would tell the truth. There are two things very certain about that \$156,000.00: One thing is your crowd have no idea whether Governor Ferguson got the money and the Ferguson crowd do not care where he borrowed it. He told the public he borrowed it from a friend, he told you that he would not tell his name; the latter has proven true, the first we are satisfied to believe. He is a plain countryman, and is not worried about the friend's name. It is safe to say he will pay the money back when due, with the interest, and that Jim Ferguson will also get his friend's vote for governor. Any man who would believe that Governor Ferguson would sell out for \$156,000.00 would have been much cheaper for Governor Ferguson to have hired him to sign the appropriation bill, instead of spending a quarter million of the taxpayers' money to put him out of office so you could sign it. You are hiding the real issue behind your German stuff, but I will say to you that if the issue were the whole state of Texas this German stuff will just about hide Minerva.

You say you are going to give the country school a little of the tax money. I am going to send old man Vinson and the University bunch your letter and let them see what you "sucker." I will keep the printed matter you sent me and show it to every one I meet. You could not frame up a more unreasonable, unbelievable slander in all the ancient or modern history that was ever written. I have never heard Governor Ferguson speak three times in this campaign, and I have never heard him utter one slanderous remark about you; heard him say from the stump he did not hold any enmity toward you. He seemed to agree with Bob Shuler that you are weak, mentally and morally, but Shuler said it first, and the governor said he had never found any room for an argument. He intimated that you got your direction from others and that you could not father an idea of your own if you were cast bodily into the womb of the Goddess of Wisdom, and a few other things of similar nature.

You also ask about the situation here. I guess you mean in regard to your election. Everybody I talk to seems to think that you are, politically speaking, an incubator product hatched out without political parents; no one elected you governor, or asked you to be governor, and in fact are paying no attention to you. I have never seen anybody for you, not even your own speakers. Old man Crane spoke in Temple nearly two hours and only called your name one time—said "Hobby had removed all the rangers from Austin," which was not true. He was "gin" Governor Ferguson, that is about the only thing he was glad to get out of. Of course, every community has a bunch of disgruntled guys who are "gin" cotton gins, sewing machines, good roads, and everything that is good, and this class will vote "gin" Governor Ferguson, but in my opinion no one will really vote FOR you, and I thank the wisdom of our Creator that He only made a few of your kind, consequently you will be defeated and demonstrate that a governor can not be elected in Texas on a platform of hate, slander and falsehood. We are all sorry for you, but glad to get you and Oscar off of our ticket, and, like Shuler, apologizing for supporting you. We also apologize to the public for allowing you to ride into office on Jim Ferguson's platform.

We were promised cleaner politics when ladies were given a vote. I am ashamed to admit it, but there are women going over the country asking ladies to sign Hobby clubs and in order to induce them to sign are telling that Governor Ferguson has openly declared himself against the churches; this is as equally untrue as the other accusations, and utterly without foundation. Governor Ferguson has done as much for the church as you and Oscar, and he is a better bred Christian than either or you, from what I can gather about ancestors' churches. Governor Ferguson has criticized the bunch of white-livered curs who are hiding behind the cloak of religion and putting such tales in the mouths of women to vote for a bunch of crooks which they denounced a year ago from every public gathering. Governor Ferguson is not against religion, neither has he shown any yellow streak on any other subject, but some of the bunch making this war spiel would look like a grape fruit if they were round.

In answer to your postscript, which seemed to be the ladies are an afterthought with you, you tell me to show this literature to my wife and solicit her support for you. You are fixing to get me killed. I have heard my wife say repeatedly she is glad Governor Ferguson is on the ticket so the ladies can cast their first ballot for a man for governor who is morally above reproach, does not get drunk, gamble, or spend his leisure moments stalking chickens.

I am glad you wrote me for information and I am giving you the facts as near as I possibly can. I will be glad to advise you from time to time as the campaign progresses should there be anything new or startling. I am expecting in every mail to get some Hobby literature charging Governor Ferguson with having the German U-boats come to American waters. However, I shall let you know of every new slander that happens to show up around this part of the vineyard.

C. L. POWER, M. D. Temple, Tex., June 8, 1918.

Election of Bowmer as Senator Urged

James H. Everts, one of the leading lawyers of Bell county, made an address in the City park, Temple, last Saturday, in which he urged the election of DeWitt C. Bowmer to the state senate from Bell county. The speaker went into the political and personal history of A. C. Buchanan, Mr. Bowmer's opponent, in a way that drew vigorous applause from his large audience. He commended Mr. Bowmer as in every way worthy the respect and support of the people.

Evening Newspaper Appears in Temple

Temple has a new afternoon newspaper called the Evening Herald, which made its appearance last Saturday, June 15. The new entry into the newspaper field is a bright, well edited and attractive sheet, carrying the afternoon Associated Press dispatches and the International News Bureau service. The Herald is launched by the Telegram Publishing company, publishers of the Telegram, the morning paper, and is meeting with popular favor.

Hobby's Hypocrisy Exposed to Public View in Speech By McDonald, at Cameron

At Cameron, Saturday, June 15, before a large audience of enthusiastic Ferguson supporters, C. C. McDonald showed conclusively by telegrams passing between Chester Terrell of San Antonio, W. C. Hogg of Houston, Lieut. Gov. W. P. Hobby and F. O. Fuller, that in pursuance of a previously conceived design, these four men met in Houston on July 23rd, 1917, and that they there entered a conspiracy to put the people's governor out of office; that the call for the special session of the legislature for impeachment purposes was issued the following day by Speaker Fuller; that one week later Sam Sparks of Austin told O. C. Mulkey of Commerce, Texas, before the legislature had organized and before a witness had been heard, that the legislature would vote articles of impeachment and that the Senate would convict him.

He said then that they knew what they were doing, and that W. P. Hobby would resign his job as Secretary of the Farm Loan Bank at Houston in order to be ready to take the governor's place, and that Hobby would call a special session of the legislature and submit the prohibition question, and that in consideration of that fact he was not to have opposition for governor in 1918.

Every statement Sam Sparks made to Mulkey has come true, and the political bosses last August traded off the governor's office, which belongs to the people, a year in advance and the price paid for it was Hobby's political treachery and the desertion of his best friend in his hour of need, in order to get his job, when he had been his trusted friend and running mate through two hard-fought elections.

Mr. McDonald then read from Mr. Hobby's interviews in July, 1916, where Hobby said that Ferguson had made the best governor Texas ever had.

Breweries Supporting Hobby.
The speaker next made the startling statement that the breweries and liquor interests were responsible for the called session of the legislature, for the laws that were passed, and that they were all actively supporting Hobby for governor. He pointed out that they realized that prohibition in Texas was inevitable; that the people two years ago had demanded submission and that the legislature had refused to submit it, realizing the fact that if submission was placed on the ballot this year during the world-wide war it would carry overwhelmingly and that Texas would be as dry as a bone next year. He said he knew that President Wilson had placed a five-mile zone around all military camps; that they realized that woman suffrage was a platform demand of both the republican and democratic parties in the last national election, so they induced the legislature to submit a referendum in special session and submit a ten-mile zone around military camps and to sign statutory prohibition, which all good lawyers know is unconstitutional and which has been virtually already so decided by the higher court in the zone law case. They decided to give the women of Texas a vote in the primaries only, a bare morsel, not through gratitude, but grudgingly given them in order to keep them from obtaining the ballot in all elections by constitutional amendments, and he pointed out in mind that in the regular session, when the proposed amendment came up which would have given the women of Texas the right to vote in all elections, Lieutenant Governor Hobby sent the bill to the committee on commerce and manufacturing, and he and Senator Lattimore thereby killed it and it never came up. The bill should have gone to the committee on suffrage and elections, and would have gone there if Hobby, as lieutenant governor, had not been opposed to suffrage and wanted to kill it.

Women and Pros Lulled to Sleep.
When the special session was called it was agreed that there should be no legislation on non-intoxicating malt liquors and now, as a result, the women of Texas were lulled to sleep by a primary vote, and the submission of a woman suffrage amendment to the constitution is not on the ballot, and it is too late now for such an amendment to go on in July. The good prohibitionists were lulled to sleep with the zone law and statutory bill, and on June 26th, when the zone law is merged into the statutory bill and it is knocked out by the courts, then the prohibitionists will be in the same place they have been all these years, for no lasting prohibition can come in Texas until it is written in the constitution of our state. But they have been lulled to sleep and no submission petitions have been circulated, and submission is not on the July ballot, and the breweries and liquor interests are in the saddle for at least three or four more years as a result of Hobby's administration, and life-long prohibitionists from principle like Attorney General Looney, Railroad Commissioner Earle Mayfield and Pat Neff of Waco have been crowded out of the race, although they have been good prohibitionists all their lives and cannot even run because the bosses last August traded the governor's office off to a usurper and the people are now asked to ratify and carry out that crooked deal.

Hobby said when he signed statutory prohibition that he wanted to save grain that went into beer to make bread for our soldiers, and yet the breweries now are using twice as much grain as they ever used before in the manufacture of Bevo, Graino, Tango, Amber, Pablo, Cervia and numerous other frothy imitation near-beer drinks, and they are selling twice as much imitation beer as they ever sold real beer, because it is for sale at all cold drink stands, drug stores and soda fountains throughout the state, in both wet and dry territory. And this enormous consumption of imitation beers is being sold to boys and girls of tender years, and a taste for malt and hops and alcohol is being inculcated in them, and many of them will later become alcoholic drinkers. And the breweries, who thank Hobby, are paying no license fees or taxes, state, county or city, in dry territory, and they are getting the same price for imitation beer that they used to get for real beer, and with no license fees to pay they are firmly in the saddle and are growing immensely rich under his administration.

Anti Chiefs for Hobby.
Let me recall the last statewide prohibition election in Texas in 1911. Who was state chairman for the anti's? Col. Jake Wolters. Whom is he now supporting for governor?

Dallas in charge of it. A little later Hobby showed up with some stock in it and a little later he carried off the stock in the great prohibition newspaper of Texas and took it down to Houston and mortgaged your prohibition paper to the president of the Houston brewery, Hugh Hamilton, for \$18,000, and came home with it.

Oh, my friends, he has double-crossed the good women of Texas and the true prohibitionists of this state just like he double-crossed Governor Ferguson, his friend and running mate. Can the ministers and good women of Texas ever be fooled into supporting any candidate under such conditions? Why, they expect the moral forces to take the front trenches while they bring up the rear. No candidate in Texas has ever been guilty of hypocrisy and work, and it matters little how much money they spend, how many speakers they send out, how many headquarters they open, how many big newspapers support them, or how many corporations climb into their band wagon, the people of this state will undo this unholy conspiracy and will right this grievous wrong and place back in the governor's office by an overwhelming vote the man who gave the best years of his life to the service of his state, who remembered the orphans, the blind, the deaf, the aged, the sick, the infirm, who never forgot the thousands who toil in the shops, at the forge, in foundries, and on the trains, who always remembered the tenant farmers and sympathized with their wives and children, who toiled from early morning until night, through summer's sun and winter's frost in an effort to own a home, who never forgot the factory girls who, through long hours with their hands at the wheels of industry and their faces pale and wan could be seen by passers-by; the man who put the penitentiary system on a cash basis and money in the bank, the man who tried to bring a country high school education within the reach of every poor boy and girl in Texas. He dedicated his entire service to help the down-trodden and those in distress, to lift them to a higher plane and make life's burden to them more easy to bear.

And I had rather have that record, conscious that the supreme confidence and little girl at the hands of a kangaroo court, composed of some honest men, but dominated by special interests and crooked politicians, than to allow my head in the governor's mansion, conscious of the fact that the price I paid for it was the sacrifice of the principles of a lifetime and an act of treachery to my trusted friend and running mate.

The people can be trusted and in them we have the supreme confidence, and to them we appeal, confident that they will write a verdict of "not guilty," at the ballot box and restore to the office the greatest governor this state ever had in our present generation.

Speaking Dates for Ferguson This Week

Governor Ferguson will speak in the interest of his candidacy for governor at Nacogdoches, Thursday afternoon, June 20; at Carthage, Friday afternoon, June 21; at Henderson, Saturday afternoon, June 22.

Hon. Charles C. McDonald will speak to the people of Marlin and Falls county at Marlin, Saturday afternoon, June 22.

YES: IF—
The first laconic utterance on record is the response of the Spartan commander when Philip of Macedonia sent this ultimatum:
If I enter Laconia I will level Lacedaemon to the ground.
Philip received this answer:
Yes: IF.

"There ought to be a law against it."
"I don't know what you're talking about, but I'll bet there is."—Detroit Free Press.

"Flag Day" June 14, It's Interesting History and Patriotic Significance

June the fourteenth, America's "Flag Day," is among the youngest of all our holidays, having just reached its majority. For it was on the fourteenth of June, 1897, that "Flag Day" as a day of national observance came into existence.

Francis Scott Key, as he lay a prisoner upon the deck of the Star Spangled Banner floating and flapping in the cold morning air over Fort Mifflin, was inspired to write the wonderful poem, "Oh, say, can you see by the dawn's early light? The rapture that this young patriot felt at this hour is reflected in the hearts of thousands of other Americans. This day, June 14th, should be Francis Scott Key Day, for whose beautiful words are heard by more grateful hearts than are his? Who has so immortalized our beautiful national standard as he?

In 1897 the governor of New York issued a proclamation that on June the fourteenth the national emblem should float over all public buildings of both nation and state. Philadelphia also made fine observance of the day. It is interesting to know that this particular day was observed because just one hundred and twenty years before the Continental Congress, then our law-making body, ordered the first "Stars and Stripes" flag to be made. There is a striking resemblance between our flag and the family arms of General Washington, which consisted of three stars in the upper portion and three bars running across the escutcheon. This heraldic design in all probability offered some suggestion in the designing of our flag.

On June the fourteenth, 1777, Congress passed a law ordering "that the flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white, and that the union be thirteen stars, white, in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

The Continental Congress appointed a committee to superintend the making of the new flag, and the following description of the design was prepared: "The stars of the new flag represent the new constellation of states rising in the west. The idea was taken from the great constellation of Lyra, which, in the hand of Orpheus, signifies harmony. . . . The thirteen stripes showed with the stars the number of the united colonies and denoted the subordination of the states to the union as well as equality among themselves. The red color in the Roman days was the signal of defiance, denoting daring; and the white, purity."

Washington, Robert Morris and Colonel Ross took a rough sketch of the proposed design to Mrs. John Ross, better known today as Betsy Ross, an upholsterer, 239 Arch street, Philadelphia, who was noted for her neatness in sewing. She had made earlier flags for the troops, as is proven by an old bill paid to her by Congress the preceding year. Her little home in Philadelphia still stands, a favorite shrine for patriotic pilgrims.

Mrs. Ross preferred that the stars in the design should be five pointed instead of six, so with a few clips of her scissors, she cut out a five pointed star. Her distinguished visitors at once saw the greater beauty of the five pointed star and accepted the change. Soon after its adoption the new flag was hoisted upon the naval vessels of the United States. Captain John Paul as a seaman, "Ranger" bearing the Stars and Stripes, arriving at Frenchport, on February the fourteenth, 1778, received the first salute ever paid to an American flag by foreign naval vessels.

No flag on sea or land shows more grace, simplicity, and beauty of design than the emblem of the United States, and its proportions are perfect when it is accurately and properly constructed.
Today, every day is Flag Day. But the birthday of the flag is dear to us since it recalls anew the soul-stirring, heart-inspiring events which preceded its birth.

"Rose-red and blood red, the stripes forever gleam,
Snow-white and soul-white, the good forefathers dreamt;
Sky-blue and true blue, with stars to gleam bright—
The gloried standard of the day; a shelter through the night."

Country Schools Visited By University Professor

Dear Governor Jim: A man visited here last week who is down with an education. He is very low and he will never recover, for he has a serious attack. Every symptom is bad; it is in his circulation, his temperature, his breathing, and in every other expression of his constitutional life. He is a professor from the University of Texas. He has all of the degrees that you can have, and he would put a thermometer to shame.

When you had so many appointments that you couldn't come all the way to Pine Hollow to deliver the commencement address to our "graduating" class, we looked around for some one to take your place. Of course, we knew no one could really do that, but we had to have some one. So Mr. Applegate suggested that we put one of those University professors to the test.

"Now," said he, "we have heard all about their top-heaviness, and the absence of old-time common sense from their list of University degrees, but I believe in giving every man a chance. So, let's ask one of 'em down, and we'll form our own opinion. We want to prove it again that Jim Ferguson is right about 'em."

We wrote to the University to send us the real thing. Not to send us any Bachelor of Arts or any other kind of a Bachelor, but to send us a man who had so many degrees that he couldn't get his name on two lines of the paper. He came. Mr. Applegate met him and escorted him to the school. He arrived just in time to make the address. In his vest pocket was a bulging manuscript and we all settled back ready to hear our "annual oration."

He read every word of a two hundred and fifty page paper. I listened until 11 o'clock. When Mr. Applegate woke me up at 12:30 I heard the professor "concluding" with words something like this: "Austin's University is the greatest organization in the world; it is the one and only place where Education is supreme, from which power there is no appeal."

"Where is Austin's University?" some one asked.
"I didn't know Austin had a University," said another.
"Austin has no University," said Mr. Applegate; "she just claims the State University that you and I pay taxes to support."

The full two hours that I was able to stay awake to hear him he tried to explain what "University" means. He tore up the word and found "universe."

"Now," he said, "University comes from universitas, meaning corporation. Universe means the whole system of created things. Unus means one. Versum means turn. Therefore, you must turn to this system for everything, therefore, you must turn to the University of Texas for everything. For nothing can exist that is not a part of this system."

Therefore, "nothing can exist"—mind you, even exist—that is not from the University of Texas. Austin's powerful place of learning! Our four boys that made the money to go to the State University, and found upon their arrival there that it would require four times more than they had saved to remain six months, wouldn't go to hear him.

Our commencement exercises came on Saturday night, so all of the saw-mill hands, farmers, wood-choppers, haulers, and everybody could go. So, since we heard that the professor was not only a living thermometer, but a preacher as well, we invited him to preach on Sunday. It was the day for our union meeting at the Methodist church, when we always have a crowd. We had a crowd that day, for every woman in the county tries to be present with her baby, and every woman in the county has one or more babies. Just a few people were present, however, who were out the night before, because it makes

Hobby's Paper Is Called Down for False Quotation

To be more widely known than the "other fellow," may sometimes have its disadvantages as well as its advantages. The "other fellow" may be mistaken for you when he is at his worst.

Recently the Beaumont Enterprise, with far more enterprise than accuracy, clipped an editorial from a publication and reprinted it, crediting it to the San Antonio Light. It was an endorsement of the Dallas News' policy of ignoring ex-Governor Ferguson's campaign speeches.

The Light never published such an editorial. In fact, it had published an editorial taking a directly opposite stand, showing that any newspaper which deliberately refused to publish accounts of events in which thousands of people were interested, regardless of its own opinion concerning such events, was remiss in its obligations to the public. Whatever faults the Light may have, gross inconsistency, such as the publishing of contradictory editorials on vital issues would be, is not among them. The Light is not a chameleon, as its readers well know.

The cause of the mistake on the part of the Beaumont Enterprise may be regarded as complimentary to the Light, but the mistake itself can hardly be accepted as such. The Light is gratified, naturally, to have its editorials reprinted by other papers; but for gratuitous plagiarism, especially of repugnant material, it has no taste.

Nearly every city of San Antonio's size, or smaller, is represented abroad by one newspaper. Other publications may be found in a directory, but that one newspaper comes into mind when anything journalistic in connection with that city is mentioned or encountered. Hence it is most likely that somebody in the editorial offices of the Beaumont Enterprise clipped an editorial from a San Antonio publication, and, acting in response to a subconscious impulse due to its association of "The Light" with "San Antonio," credited the editorial to this

surely got into deep water on that sling shot."

The professor said he was in the habit of taking a long walk every day and, in the afternoon, he started out for a stroll. We were afraid he would get lost, but we didn't like to say anything. He strolled around the saw mills, then into the tall trees, and at eight in the evening he hadn't returned. Mr. Applegate said: "I'll never do for that fellow to get lost down here; somebody ought to have followed him."

So he, with a dozen others, started out to find the lost professor. They searched among the trees until midnight, and where do you suppose he had wandered? He had found his way to the creek and was there kneeling down, picking up rocks like a little child, just common pebbles, regardless of the approach of midnight.

"I could have given you plenty of those out of my back yard," said Mr. Applegate. "You are lost, my friend, and you are four hours from my house; let's go back." They saw that he had been running very hard and fast and when Mr. Applegate asked him what was the matter, he said he was afraid of a big bird that flew

paper. If he had paused to cudgel his brain he might have recalled that there are other publications in San Antonio.

There is no quarrel with him over his apparent assumption that there is only one newspaper in San Antonio. That assumption, however, should have prevented him from crediting to any real newspaper an editorial whose subject matter was prima facie evidence that its writer did not know the meaning of news.

Nobody with an accurate conception of news would take the position that the public is not entitled to reports of events which attract crowds of unprecedented size. If the German emperor should hire a hall in San Antonio or any other Texas city and make a speech to an audience of several thousand people, no newspaper would dare to ignore the event on the ground that it could not subscribe to what the Kaiser had said.

Mr. Ferguson, who has every right to make speeches without being molested, is more intensely hated by certain Texas newspapers than the Kaiser would be, if the same circumstances were possible. Not only Mr. Ferguson a perfect right to make speeches, but the people of Texas have a perfect right to demand that Texas publications, which they support, publish accounts of his speeches.

A speech delivered by Mr. Ferguson is not an incident affecting himself alone; it is an event with which many thousands of citizens are personally, intimately, identified, and of which they are a part. Moreover, the legality of Mr. Ferguson's candidacy is before the people, since the courts have not passed upon it. It has become the people's function to decide whether the wishes of the state were truly represented by the delegated lawmakers when they removed Mr. Ferguson from office. To ignore his campaign is to ignore an issue in which the people of Texas have shown themselves to be intensely interested, and which they will decide at the polls.

—San Antonio Light.

after him which made a loud noise. "That was the owl, the bird of wisdom," Mr. Applegate explained. "You should not have been afraid of that bird. You should not run away from Wisdom."

They prevailed upon him to return, his pockets full of pebbles. Some of the big boys heard about his search for pebbles, and when he left the next day they had many flour sacks full of pebbles at the train for him to take back to Austin with him, enough to start a sidewalk around the University.

No, this poor man is down with an education. He will never get well. There is no hope on earth for him, for he can't avoid getting the thought out of the story of David and Goliath. We had heard how bad things are at the University—but we couldn't realize they were that bad.

SALLY JANE SPOTTSWOOD.
Pine Hollow District School, Pine Hollow, Tex., May 31, 1918.

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Willie—Paw, what are preferred creditors?
Paw—Those who don't call too often, my son.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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