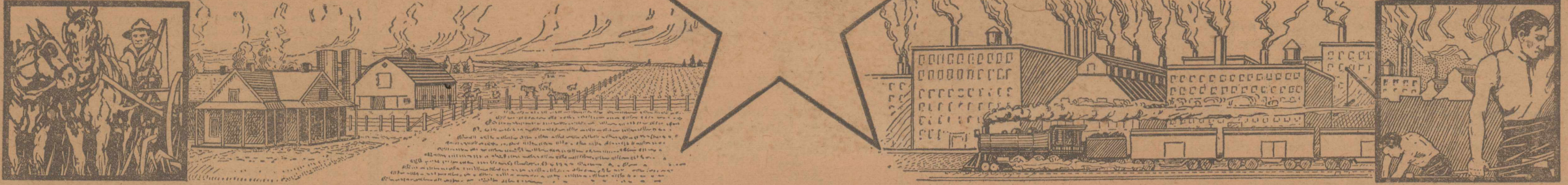


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## Ferguson's Veto Message of University Appropriation

THE Austin American, the mouth-piece of the university crowd, stated at the time that impeachment proceedings were filed against Governor Ferguson because he vetoed the appropriation for the university.

In order that the public may be fully informed as to the reasons for that veto which caused the impeachment, the veto message is here reproduced in full, together with a sample of over a thousand letters received by Governor Ferguson commending his action in vetoing said appropriation:

### Veto Message.

A proclamation by the governor of Texas vetoing and disapproving the entire appropriation made by the Thirty-fifth legislature for the maintenance of the State university, including the medical branch of same at Galveston; vetoing and disapproving said entire appropriation, with the exception only of the appropriation made for the support of the School of Mines at El Paso, Texas, and other exceptions.

The university doing and what it is seeking to do? In my opinion the university has not a proper president, he has neither that experience as a teacher, nor sufficient educational attainment that would qualify him to fill this important place. His management of an institution previous to his promotion to the presidency of the State university was a failure, and his record there by no means recommended him to be employed at \$6,000 a year by the people of Texas. He is also a sectarian preacher, and not only makes no denial of such fact, but since his elevation to the presidency of a sectarian character he has regularly and often continued to preach under the auspices of his particular religious denomination. Article 2845 reads as follows:

"No religious qualification shall be required for admission to any office or privilege in the university, nor shall any course of instruction of a sectarian character be taught therein."

## Is Cotton a Slacker Crop?

No, for It Furnishes Not Only Clothing but Also Food for Man and Beast.

(By Henry Lee Staples.)

ONCE I suggested to a southern farmer, of a type prevalent yesterday, that he spray his tomatoes and beans to put an end to the feast that the Colorado beetles were having at his expense. He simply transfixed me with a glittering eye and said: "Young man, I believe in being hospitable." He put the accent on the hos. "I plant enough for myself, my family, my friends, and the bugs as well." With this crushing reply he invited me to dinner.

I cite this incident not to intimate that the southern farmers are indifferent to modern methods, which they distinctly are not, but rather to reflect an inherent and incurable generosity. Some may ask: "Where is this much-vaunted hospitality now? Why doesn't she spread the festive board to the groaning point for the nation and our allies collectively, as she does for the individual whom she welcomes inside her wide-open doors? Why doesn't she turn to and grow more foodstuffs instead of cotton?"

Increased her corn crop 37 per cent. One patriotic seedman sold his entire crop of pedigreed seed at cost of production. The stock disappeared in a day. But I am no official forecaster. I shall not pretend to foretell the south's answer to the mandate that she feed herself. I shall not give promises for the future, but I shall attempt to answer the question, "From a food standpoint, is cotton a slacker crop?"

## What Some Others Think About an Important Issue

(From the Southwestern Farmer and Investor.)

ORDINARILY The Investor thinks no part in politics, but in a matter of such importance as the removal of the governor of the state and debarring him from in future holding any public office of honor or profit in the state, we deem it our duty to express our opinion, and emphatically.

It believes that the rich should pay for the higher education of their offspring when the latter are being taught ornamental professions. It also believes that when the sons and daughters of the poor are to be taught such professions, that such pupils should remunerate the state in some way for the cost of their tuition to the state. The writer of this article attended the State university of another state and in consideration of his tuition was compelled to teach in one of the schools of that state for two years and fulfilled his obligation to do so. The scholarships of that university other than the ones for which the students paid for their tuition were appointed and their appointments carried with them such an obligation. All not so appointed and obligated paid for their tuition, as all who can afford to and do not intend to recompense the state for such tuition should do, if they are to receive such tuition.

## A STATEMENT TO THE CITIZENSHIP OF TEXAS

NECESSITY is the mother of invention. Self preservation is the first law of nature. These time honored truths apply to newspaper difficulties as well as to anything else.

Never a word do these big newspapers say for or in behalf of the great army of men who work and who fill the ranks of organized labor.

Never a word about helping the condition of the laborer, the railroad man, the shopmen or the mechanic.

With these facts before me I have decided to give battle to this newspaper submarine menace to the welfare of Texas. I have identified myself with The Ferguson Forum as a destroyer of newspaper submarines.

When the Germans wanted to stop our commerce she used the submarine. When our government decided that we would carry on our commerce we called to our aid the submarine destroyer. When I was submarined by the Texas legislature the big daily newspaper was used as an insidious weapon to accomplish the purpose. During the attempted impeachment there was at least one big daily newspaper that published at least one falsehood every day about the trial. Generally they would falsify before breakfast and continue through the day—working early and late to contort the facts and create sentiment to influence weak members of the legislature to vote for the previously formed plan to remove me from the governor's office.

During this noted session of this noted legislature any rattle brained member could give out any statement against Ferguson and the big dailies would not only print the statement but would publish the picture of the solon making the statement.

By these publications many weak minded fools were led to believe that they were great statesmen. They even published the pictures of seven such statesmen and designated them as the steering committee against the governor and these members thought it a great honor to be thus designated by the big newspapers.

Impartial jurors—Ye Gods, no, and never intended to be and now known not to be. When the storm was raging the highest and it seemed that I was to be the victim of all character of misrepresentation holding me up to be the meanest man that had ever lived, I prepared a simple statement telling in substance what I had done and tried to do for the state; what I had tried to do for the rural schools; what I had done with the penitentiary system; what I had advocated for the farmer and the stockraiser; what I had saved for the state and what I had made for the state, all to show that these things at least entitled me to a fair trial.

The Dallas News wanted to charge me \$90 to print the statement not more than a column in length. A public servant on trial for his official life and character, asking for an opportunity to give the people an account of his stewardship meant nothing to them and the price was made prohibitive and my statement was not published. And yet every day they were publishing statements and speeches made by members of the legislature who had little or nothing of importance to talk about.

Since the adjournment of this notorious kangaroo court the big daily newspapers have been blowing their heads off about the great big victory of the so-called big university. Their columns have been full of warnings and dire calamities that will surely fall upon the head of any man who hereafter says anything about this big bunch of brains at this great university that is hereafter going to run and rule the state. These big newspapers continue to brag about the big appropriation which has been given to the said big university, but never a word do these big editors say about how we are going to get money to educate, feed and clothe the sixty thousand children of scholastic age who have never crossed the doorsteps of any school house in Texas.

Never a word of complaint from these big newspapers in behalf of the Texas farmer who is not getting a fair price for what he has to sell compared to what he has to pay for what he has to buy.

Never a word about helping the condition of the laborer, the railroad man, the shopmen or the mechanic. With these facts before me I have decided to give battle to this newspaper submarine menace to the welfare of Texas. I have identified myself with The Ferguson Forum as a destroyer of newspaper submarines.

This destroyer of newspaper submarines may not make any more headway than our destroyers are making against the German submarine but I have enlisted for the war and I am with my country against all of its enemies whether at home or abroad.

## America Makes War on War

(Governor Capper of Kansas at Annual Convention of Fourth District Odd Fellows, Florence, Kansas.)

WHEN before this has there ever been a war for which so many apologies were made? When before has there been a war so needless, so unjustified, that no one would accept the responsibility for it? When before, a war in which kings and chancellors have pointed at each other and cried "He began it! My hands are clean! I am innocent of this black crime against mankind! I acted only in self defense?"

But let there be no mistaking of our purpose. Not for glory; not for territory; not for commercial gain, do we go to war. For America—and we believe for the allies with whom we fight—this is a war against war. It is a fight to the death against the spirit of militarism. It must put an eternal ban on the profession of murder, on professional war makers. It must abolish forever the world old idea that might makes right. It must do to the bully among nations what civil law does to the bully among men. It must put an end to gun-toting by governments. It must teach the czars and emperors of the eastern continent and the would-be autocrats of the western hemisphere, that mankind has advanced since the Stone Age and that brute force no longer may rule the world. It must drive home to all peoples the truth that they who take the sword shall perish by the sword. It shall usher in the day when war shall be no more.

## He Can't Stop Growing

Although he is 39 years old, Arthur Clark, an inmate of a Michigan sanatorium, adds a quarter of an inch to his height every twelve months, and now measures 6 feet, 8 inches in his stockings. Physicians have been studying Clark's case for years, but cannot explain why he continues to grow.





