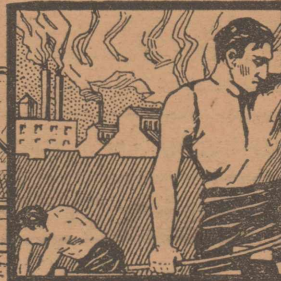
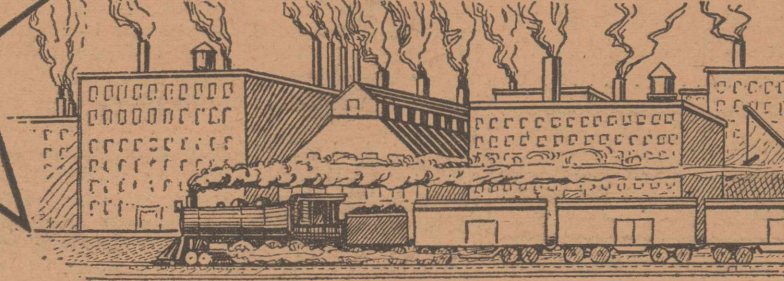
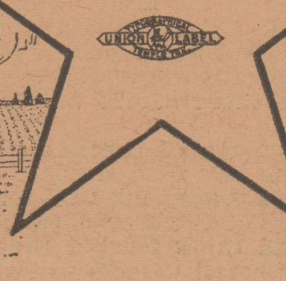
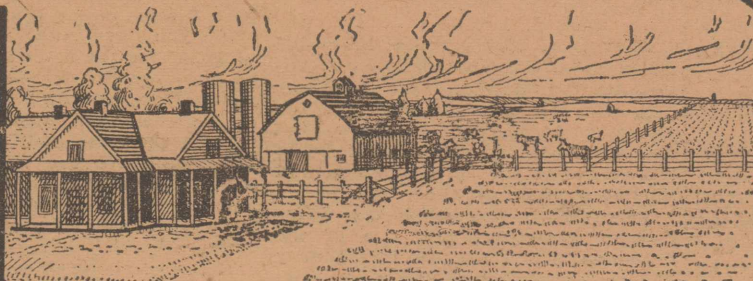


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## 500,000 STRIKE IN BERLIN AND BIG UPRISING GAINS

Workers At Kiel All Out and Committee of Ten Demands Right to Hold Meeting.—Trouble Fast Spreading to German Provinces.—Socialist Leaders At Head of the Movement Defy the Government.

London, Jan. 30.—Nearly 500,000 persons are already on strike in Berlin and the number is being added to hourly, the Exchange Telegraph correspondent at Copenhagen telegraphs under Tuesday's date. The movement is being extended to the provincial towns.

All the workmen in the Kiel shipyards and in the Vulcan works at Hamburg and thousands of miners in the Rhenish Westphalian districts, struck on Monday, according to the Berliner Vossische Zeitung.

The Berlin correspondent of the Politiken of Copenhagen reports that the strikers have formed a workmen's council of 500 with an "action commission" of ten men and women, including Hugo Haase, the independent socialist leader, and Philip Scheidemann, the majority socialist leader.

Other members of the commission included George Ledebour and William Dittman, independent socialists, and Friedrich Ebert and Herr Braun, majority socialists, the dispatch adds.

The commission, it is stated, asked Herr Wallraf, the minister of the interior to grant permission for the holding of meetings. Herr Wallraf, it is added, declared he would not negotiate with the workmen but would receive the socialist members of the parliament. Herr Scheidemann, Herr Haase and the two workmen went to the minister of war and informed him of the action of the commission, demanding unanimously that the negotiations take place in the presence of the workmen.

The result of Herr Wallraf's deliberations is not yet known, the dispatch reports but it quotes the Lokal Anzeiger as stating that important negotiations are proceeding between him and General Von Stein, the Prussian minister of war.

## FERGUSON IS IN THE RACE FOR GOVERNOR

I hereby reiterate my announcement as a candidate for Governor. My platform is my record as Governor. I am not running for a third term, but claim the right to serve two terms.

This outrage was either right or wrong; just or unjust. The people have a right to pass on the question. A policy is involved that will affect generations yet unborn: Shall the University crowd and a few men controlled only by personal prejudice have the right to depose a public servant which the people have elected?

If the attempted impeachment was right the people can be trusted to approve it.

If it was wrong they will likewise put their stamp of disapproval on the whole proceeding by retiring to private life every Senator and Representative who joined in the unholy plot to remove a Governor of a great state without law and without cause.

Do not let these character assassins deceive anybody with the idea that I cannot take and hold my seat if I get the votes in the primary.

There is no law to keep my name off the ticket in the democratic primary. The attempted impeachment was wholly illegal. But assuming that it was legal, it was only an action of a Legislature, and a weak Legislature at that. To say that a succeeding Legislature cannot repeal or set aside what a previous Legislature did is to say that the people shall not and do not yet rule their government.

We heard a great cry this year about the will of the people being disregarded. We will give this crowd of political coyotes a chance to take a dose of their own medicine. The verdict of impeachment by the Senate is no more permanent against me than the verdict of the House against submission.

When I get the majority or the plurality of the votes in the primary, as I am sure to do, it will be a positive and commanding order to the legislature to carry out the people's will, to wit: to put the man of their choice in the office, by whatever course is necessary.

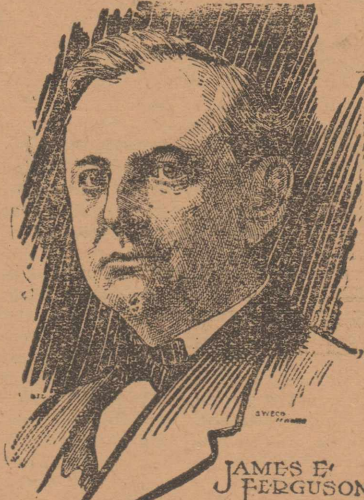
Let the voter put the question to every candidate for the Legislature if he will vote to seat Ferguson in case the people give him a majority or plurality. Make him answer or put him down as a dishonest candidate.

The special interests will use the big daily newspapers in an attempt to elect a governor who will use that office for their benefit.

The bear fight has just begun. The issue is: the so-called educated few against the great democratic many. Candidate, where are you? Put up or shut up.

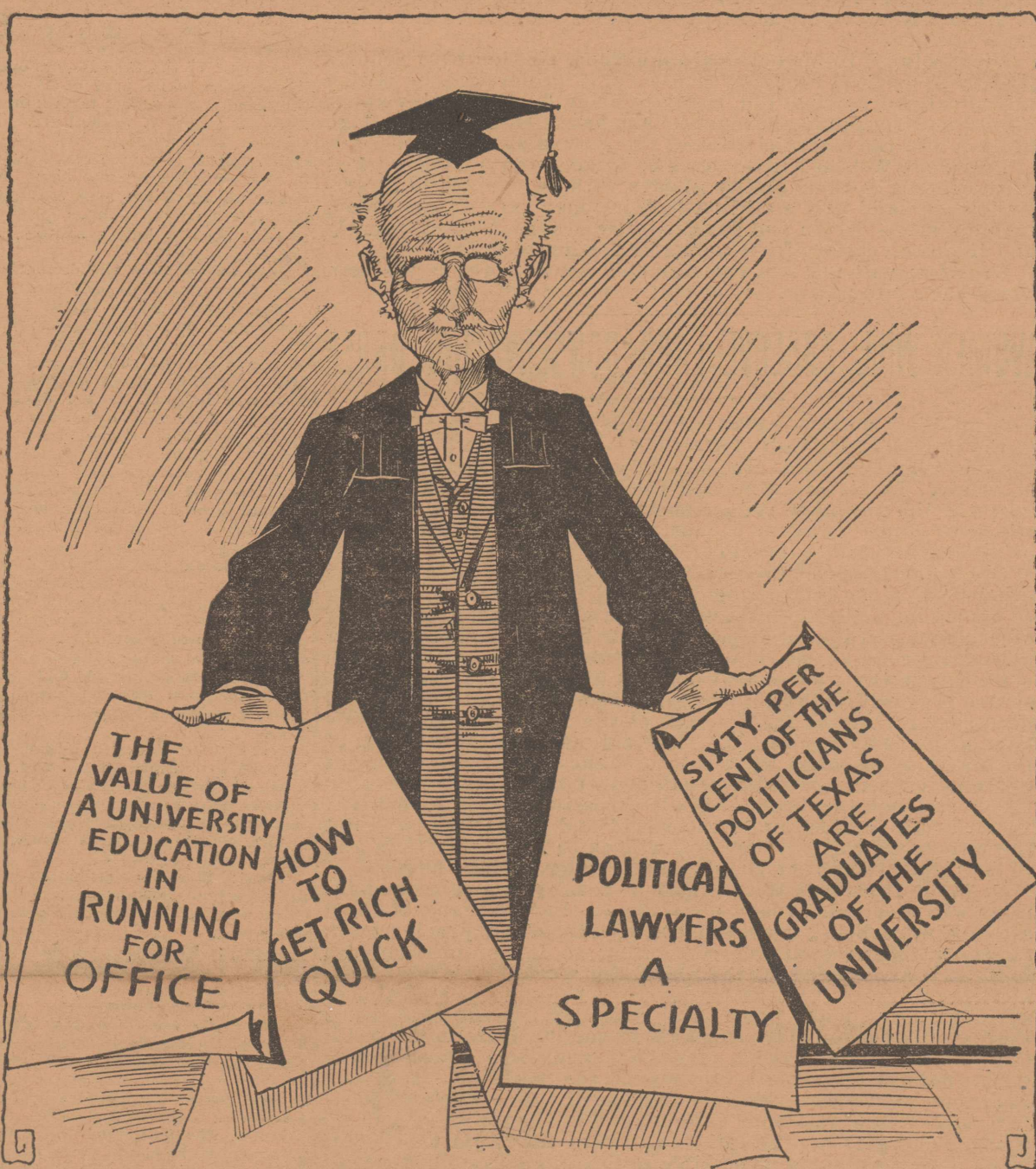
If a Legislature should refuse to set aside this kangaroo judgment of impeachment after the people had again elected me, the action of our people in seating Richard Coke in the carpet-bag days of reconstruction would be but a summer picnic besides what would happen at Austin in January, 1919.

So let my friends be assured. Give me the votes and I will hold the office.



JAMES E. FERGUSON

## AIMS OF THE UNIVERSITY



Our forefathers wanted the University building, standing in its majesty and glory, to stir higher thoughts in the hearts of their children than a chicken coop can arouse in the mind of a hungry negro. They built the University as a sanctuary where the spirit of self-sacrifice might abide forever. They wanted to make it a crown for their lives and a foundation for ours so that we might begin where they left off. Has their dream come true?

Our educational system has never received the profound consideration that is necessary to a full appreciation of its importance to the life of every individual and to the destinies of the state. It is true that a few dyspeptic professors have now and then given out learned dissertations on culture, political lawyers have boasted of the miraculous powers of a University training upon their career and occasionally a citizen has dared give his individual views on education.

The Ferguson administration, speaking for those who pay taxes and raise children, demanded that the University state its aims and reveal its methods. The answer was a political indictment by the grand jury and a political impeachment by the legislature.

No matter how diverse our views may be on education, we all agree that the people have a right to examine the structural fabric of our educational system. It is only on the anvil of discussion that we can hope to beat into shape a more perfect civilization and the right of the people to review the activities of any branch of government is an inherent one in the republican form of government.

The nearest approach to an official disclosure of the purposes of the University is contained in an article recently published extensively in the press quoting from a pamphlet issued by Dr. A. Caswell Ellis, one of our University professors who has many medals and a multitude of titles. This official declaration of the achievements of the University convincingly proves, by statistical analysis, that a University education better prepares a student to run for office and makes him a more cunning financier.

Our forefathers, in establishing the University expected it to do something more than arouse in the mind of their children lust for office and greed for gold. Our forefathers were the greatest statesmen of any country, of any age. They knew how to carve out empires with their swords, found republics and built nations and knew how to run them. They were far more capable of teaching their children how to govern than any college professor and they did not establish the University for that purpose.

It is a matter of record that our forefathers were able financiers. Much of the wealth of the present generation is due to the foresight of the fathers. They were producers of wealth. They knew how to sow as well as reap and they made it unhealthy for any man who sought to reap without sowing. They wanted the University building standing in its majesty and glory to stir higher thoughts in the hearts of their children than a chicken coop can arouse in the mind of a hungry negro. Our forefathers were far more capable of teaching their children how to make an honest dollar than any college professor at the University and they did not build it for that purpose or to provide facilities for shrewd traders to swap tricks.

The learned Doctor Ellis might have added that the professors of the Texas University were capable politicians as well as able financiers; that they were running state government through political lawyers graduated from the University and were making money by signing half a dozen payrolls, giving their relatives expense accounts and practicing many get-rich-quick schemes upon the University.

These ancient methods of money making are as old as education but have been abandoned by many modern institutions of learning. It is only the University faculties that have the executive and legislative branches of government in their power; that continue such performances. There are many uneducated men who have conscientious scruples against such methods and others would hesitate through fear to put them into practice.

Our forefathers never dreamed that within less than half a century from the time the University was built that the faculty would be publicly boasting of turning out political lawyers to lurk around the back alleys of society making liberty and property unsafe; triumphantly parading as proud products of the University commercial Shylocks who could get rich quick by snaring their fellow men in subtle wiles. Such a conception of higher education is an insult to the memory of the founders of the University and a dishonor to every citizen of our commonwealth.

Our forefathers sacrificed their lives to give their children a home, country and education and for the betterment of mankind. They built the University as a sanctuary where the spirit of self-sacrifice might abide forever. They wanted it to become an altar where their children could consecrate their lives to higher ideals and render to present and future generations the unselfish service our forefathers rendered us. They wanted to make the University a crown for their lives and a foundation for ours, so we might begin where they left off. They wanted an educational system that would light the fires of genius upon every hearthstone in the commonwealth and a University throbbing with powerful thoughts that would shake the world. They wanted to build on Texas soil the greatest civilization the world has ever known.

Those who want to wipe out the stain of sordid greed and selfishness which Dr. Ellis places upon the tombstones of our fathers should vote for James E. Ferguson for governor and those who want the University to teach our children how to trip justice and skin their neighbors should vote for some other candidate for this exalted position.

## HOBBY HOB-NOB IS PLAIN BLUFF AND ARROGANCE

In All the Little Gathering at Dallas There Was Not a Farmer, Not a Reputable Representative of Organized Labor, Not a Cowman, Not a Railroad Man—Most of the Motley Crew Was Fellows With Political Axes to Grind.

By JAS. E. FERGUSON.

Well, well, well I will be dad burned if we haven't come from Socrates to Simple Simon or from Jim Hogg to Will Hobby, which is one and the same.

The much heralded pow wow of the Hobby Hob Nobbers took place in Dallas last Saturday week and to make a long story short it was a frost. The meeting was noted for ignorance and arrogance.

The so-called keynote speech by Bob Knight shaking his shaggy head and ranting about the duty of all patriots to support Hobby and then his rotten contemptible guff about hanging somebody to a telegraph pole for disloyalty to the powers that be, will neither deceive intelligent people nor intimidate brave men. The crude bluff of trying to create the idea of disloyalty in every voter that does not vote the Hobby ticket is ignorance and arrogance personified. If this is not what they mean then why all the war talk at a supposed meeting of a man's friends to plan his campaign?

Bob Knight and Bill Hobby are the last people on this earth that should dare to question anybody's loyalty. Hobby got the Governor's office by disloyalty to friends and political promises. Yes! like a regicide of old who was willing to kill the king to get the job.

Bob Knight begged me to appoint him on the state council of defense and in two months from the time I signed his commission he was hobnobbing with the University crowd who were then beginning to form the disloyal and disgraceful plot to put out of office the governor who had honored him with his commission.

Oh! But these Hobby Hob Nobbers say that their hobby is to win the war with Hobby and to have the governor's office handed to them as a reward to Rienzi Johnston et al. for bleeding all over the altar of their country. A fine scheme indeed. But there is no blood, and there is no altar—just a big office for little men is the price which the people are expected to pay.

What are they going to do? Can Hobby tell any farmer how to raise any more cotton, corn or meat with which to feed and clothe the army? Can Bob Knight, a corporation lawyer, teach anybody anything along these lines? Can Rienzi tell us? If they can, when did they learn? We are having too infernal much of these town resolutions about what the farmer should do to increase production.

If Hobby wants to inspire the people to do something to win the war, let him begin at once and set a good example by discharging his secretary of state who is a young man in the draft age who is a son-in-law of a rich oil king and closely associated with a rich lumber king. There are thousands of good democrats who have fought the battles of the party for a generation who could fill that office with honor while the son-in-law of Hobby's rich friend should be fighting the battles of the country.

Yes, if the Hobby Hob Nobbers want their candidate really to make good let them demand that their candidate dismiss his brilliant young friend, Major Townes, of the adjutant general's department, who is also in the draft age and send him to war and not let him have an opportunity to hide behind an office.

While the mothers of west Texas are suffering from the cold and the pangs of hunger and giving up their sons perhaps to die for a world democracy

let this young would-be war governor show his colors and quit protecting the rich who want the poor to fight their battles for them. Let us not have a poor man's fight and a rich man's war. If the government finds it necessary to confiscate the muscle and mind of the poor then let it also confiscate the money and muscle of the rich. It is not so much how much you are giving, as it is how much of

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## EXTRA SESSION SURE, BUT DRYS STILL DEFIANT

Austin, Tex., Jan. 30.—Practically everybody about the state capitol and among the membership of the investigating committees and politicians generally, except the governor, is confident there will be a call issued for a special session of the Thirty-fifth legislature to assemble late in February, and that statutory prohibition will be one of the subjects discussed and acted upon at that session.

The governor may be certain also that there will be a call but if he is then he is reluctant to admit that he has yielded to the pressure of the politicians and place-seekers who must have a session for the purpose of making capital and campaign material upon which to go to the people who will ask them for an accounting of the extravagant expenditure of their money smelling around the state for two or more months and then making a lot of impossible and impracticable recommendations for changes in the administration of the affairs of the state.

The governor's friends, that is his old line anti-prohibition friends, are bitterly and vigorously opposed to a special session, while his new found supposed friends in the prohibition camp are clamoring for one. If he is deluding himself with the idea that he will win prohibition support by calling a session and submitting some visionary plan for restriction of liquor business in the vicinity of army camps

as a substitute at this time for statutory prohibition then he would as well disabuse his mind of that idea. M. H. Wolfe, the Dallas pro leader, has made it plain and emphatic that his wing of the prohibition party will stand for no candidate who is not pledged hard and fast to immediate prohibition, and Mr. Wolfe is some leader and knows his people.

"With the governor it is a case he'll do it— if he don't." But at this time it is a four to one bet that there will be a special session called.

There was great delay in framing the final report of the smelling committee for submission to the governor and another week probably will pass before he announces definitely whether he will call the session, but the smellers are unanimous in their belief that he will call it. Fuller has predicted it and Fuller ought to know.

The various sub-committees that have been at work more than two months seeking something on which to hang political hopes and vent political spite have made some record as abolitionists. Their reports recommended abolition of so many branches of the state government that one wonders they did not recommend abolition of a legislature, or a more careful auditing of its reckless expenditures. A pretense in this direction is

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Were half the power that fills the world with terror  
Were half the wealth bestowed on camps and courts  
Given to redeem the human mind from error,  
There were no need of arsenals and forts.

We are at war! We must win the war or be slaves to the Hun.

There are but a few hours left in which to get a poll tax receipt.

Receive your thoughts as guests but treat your desires as children.

A fresh blizzard blew in Sunday morning just to remind us what real winter is like.

New York newspapers have doubled their sales price. All one cent papers now sell for two cents.

Hungry men make poor soldiers. Help feed the allied armies by eating less of the essentials they need.

James E. Ferguson is a candidate for governor. Read his announcement elsewhere in this issue of the Forum.

Are you interested in having public affairs properly conducted and honest officials elected? Have you paid your poll tax?

The committee which is to make another appeal for federal aid for the Texas drought sufferers will meet in Washington Feb. 3.

Golf fans can get all the arm-swinging exercise they need by swinging a sharp ax against a woodpile. In that way they also will help win the war.

The government now is in control of the coal supply but has been unable to overcome the obstructions to its transportation caused by snow and ice.

Egless days are coming next, says a news report. With hens on a strike and cold storage bandits in control of the supply it seems to us eggless days are here.

This is January 31. If you have not paid that poll tax get busy and pay it before night or you will miss voting in the liveliest election Texas has seen in a generation.

In all the recommendations made by the smelting committees for the abolition of state departments, bureaus and commissions no mention is made of abolishing a worthless legislature.

If you must be away from home when the primaries are held next July you need not lose your vote if you have paid your poll tax. Time for paying poll taxes expires at midnight Thursday, January 31.

'Way down in Ole Kentucky a "bone dry" bill has been passed by the state senate by a vote of 26 to 4. Shades of Daniel Boone and George D. Prentice! Luke Blackburn and Old John Harper, what do you know about that?

With wheatless days, porkless days, meatless days, coalless days and lightless nights, Austin and Travis county now are hopefully looking forward to an election-less day. Two more prohibition elections are scheduled there next month.

When three masked bandits entered a St. Louis saloon and ordered "Hands up!" the proprietor opened fire on them. When the smoke cleared away two of the bandits were dead and also the proprietor, but he had proved himself a man and worthy a hero medal.

It is said fourteen persons have been shot as spies by the United States since the declaration of war with Germany. The number seems small compared with the daily reports of incendiary fires and explosions in this country. There is more work for the firing squad.

Gasoline manufacturers are getting seven to ten cents margin of profit on gasoline. Is it any wonder John D. Rockefeller can give \$5,000,000 to the Rockefeller foundation? Gasoline that costs 15.4682 to make sells in Texas for twenty-six cents a gallon and sometimes it is not all gasoline.

Albert Sidney Bursleson has been reappointed and confirmed as postmaster general in President Wilson's cabinet. The nomination was sent in and the confirmation followed so quickly it was all over and Albert's job was cinched to him for another four years before anybody had a chance to protest or object.

All alien enemies in this country must be registered between February 4 and 9 either by the postmaster or the police. In cities less than 10,000 in size by the postmaster, in cities of over 10,000 by the police. Notices have been printed by the United States marshals of the several districts in Texas giving notice of the dates and aliens are warned to report and register.

Secretary of War Baker is to be commended for returning to the courtmartial which tried two army doctors for neglect of soldiers whose deaths were attributable to this neglect, with the notation that simple dismissal from the service is too light a penalty to visit upon these men. He says severer penalties should be given for their offending. He is right. They are murderers of the meanest kind and should be punished as such.

Two surprises were furnished in Washington last week by Texas congressmen. One was the birth of a daughter to Congressman Jeff McElmore and the other was the refund by Congressman Black of about \$150 of his allowance for clerk hire, which he said had not been used. Black's performance caused not only surprise but a positive shock, as such a thing never before has been recorded in the career of any congressman.

Friends of the Houston farm loan bank of which William P. Hobby was secretary when the lottery impeachment opened the way for him to reach the governor's office, are sending out appeals to the people of Texas to petition the governor to submit an amendment to the Texas homestead law that will make it easier for the money sharks and note-shavers to increase the number of homeless persons in Texas while they fatten their bank rolls and laugh at the misery of ejected women and children. The great mass of Texans not yet have become so sordid that they will listen to the cries of the money-changers and shysters. The man who dares undertake the destruction of the beneficent provisions of the Texas homestead law is doomed to political obscurity and ignominy for all time to come.

## CRITICS OF WILSON CONFOUNDED BY BAKER'S REPLY

Critics of the war department have been answered and the record of achievement shown by Secretary Baker has confounded and surprised the maligners and assailants of the administration of President Wilson and shown that all possible has been done that would help speed up the preparations for getting American troops on the battle front. Outstanding in his answer to Senator Chamberlain and other critics is the statement that already 500,000 Americans are at the front in France; that 1,500,000 more will be there before the end of 1918.

All this half million men have been moved across the seas and established in camps without the loss of a single life of the soldiers who were sent over. Does that speak well for the efficiency, watchfulness and capacity of the war department and the navy? We think it does and think further that the censorious critics who are exploiting small defects and slight delays that are unavoidable in the vast preparations being made by a nation of more than 100,000,000 people, that does not follow the trade of war should crawl back into their shells.

The reply of Secretary Baker makes it too plain for controversy that politics is back of the whole nasty assault; that a blatant demagogue, seeking notoriety and a place in the public eye, snarling and snapping at the heels of men whose places he has striven to have filled with his own creatures and sycophants, is the arch conspirator whose utterances and public appearances are giving aid and comfort to our public enemies. It is time Roosevelt was suppressed as a menace to the country's welfare.

Disappointed in his political ambitions, sulking over rebuffs that were merited by his arrogance and intolerance, he is like a Biblical character of old, ready to bring down in ruins about him his entire country because he has been denied the privilege of directing the war activities of the government.

President Wilson has done well; his assistants have worked to the extent of their ability always with an eye single to getting results and half a million fighting men safely transported through mine-strewn and danger-infested seas, tells eloquently and impressively of efficiency and devotion to duty.

Criticism will not win the war and not help the republican party back into power.

## WOMEN WILL OBSERVE FOOD CONSERVATION ORDER

In making a direct appeal through proclamation addressed to the omens of the United States President Wilson has assured the observance of conservation of food supplies and an ending of waste. In his proclamation the president asks the housewives of the nation to reduce their consumption of wheat and wheat products by thirty per cent. This applies to all manner of alimentary pastes, crackers, biscuits, pastry and cereals.

In closing his proclamation the president says he is sure the great body of American women who have labored so loyally in co-operation with the food administration will strengthen their efforts and will take it as part of their burden in this period of national service to see that his recommendations are observed.

Of course the women will observe his recommendations; of course they will make all necessary sacrifices and undergo all necessary privations for the sake of the country to which they have given their loved ones. They will see that there is less of the foods so essential to the maintenance of the allies and of our own boys at the front consumed at home; they will stop waste and put the brakes on all excessive use of foodstuffs. When in all the history of the world and its battles have not the women ever been ready and willing to make sacrifices and to bear privations that victory might come to their homes?

In Texas President Wilson may be assured his recommendations will meet with ready observance. In fact many of them already were being observed ere he issued his proclamation stressing the necessity of conserving as far as possible the foods that are needed for the allies. For weeks there have been meatless days, porkless Saturdays, wheatless days and almost sugarless days, many housewives dropping the use of desserts that require excessive treatment with sugar. Here in the south the women of the passing generation and some whose course of life not yet has crossed far beyond the meridian, have been acquainted with the privations and sacrifices of war and these will admonish others who never have felt the stress of war, so that all energies will be directed toward that goal which will bring peace as quickly as possible to this blood-drenched world.

Yes! Mr. President, the women may be depended upon to do their bit, to do it cheerfully, courageously and smilingly.

Don't let midnight catch you with your poll tax unpaid.

There will be an extra session of the thirty-fifth legislature despite the protests and efforts of the Old Guard of Texas politicians who are boosting Bill Hobby for governor.

San Antonio firemen who threatened to strike if not granted an immediate increase of wages were victorious in getting an advance of 10 per cent now and a promise of a like advance next June.

Under the order of Director General McAdoo cutting off free passes on railroads Texas rangers must hereafter pay fare or quit traveling. The adjutant general has made a protest and it is under consideration.

Church J. Bartlett, former secretary of state, is now in Washington doing his bit in the war service, for which he receives a salary of \$1 a year. Mr. Bartlett probably will be sent to France on an important mission.

Give us the strength to encounter that which is to come, that we may be brave in peril, constant in tribulation, temperate in wrath, and in all changes of fortune, and down to the gates of death, loyal and loving one to another.—Stevenson.

McAdoo's ax has fallen on the necks of ornamental railroad attorneys, special counsel, lobbyists and agents of the legal departments that have been one of the heaviest drains on revenues of the roads of this country. Having played the Wall street game as an expert and having been in the transportation business many years where he came into contact with all manner of lobbyists and high class grafters, the director general of transportation knows where to apply his retrenchment blade and he has done it.

"I can't" is the most weakening expression in the language. Use it once, and there is double the need of using it the next time. Use it again and again, and your muscles relax, and the action of your heart weakens until the door of death begins to yawn. Paralysis is simply an accumulation of "I can't;" and, indeed is but the aggregation of a life of "I can't's." Exterminate the "I can't" tribe and you have destroyed every impediment in the way of your endless and deathless progress.—Washington News Letter.

Signs of world peace grow more hopeful as we read of half million oppressed and down-trodden toilers rising in Germany against the iron rule of a blood-thirsty kaiser. Unrest is spreading throughout the empire and the German people are beginning to realize the futility of a war that through four years has brought them nothing but added burdens, desolated homes, confiscatory taxes and diminishing hopes of victory. The doom of the Hohenzollerns has been sounded—the dawn of peace is near bringing with it a realization of the dream of world democracy.

Having voted that the recipients of increased salaries through the generosity of Dr. Vinson, president of the University of Texas, should refund the excess kindly dished out to them from the people's money by the good doctor, the smelting committee has halted and gone to the attorney general for an opinion as to whether the item in the appropriation bill labeled "For salary adjustments" can be lavished by the doctor without limitation or restriction. They also want information on the subject of the power of the regents to make the refund which the smelters voted should be made.

## Letters From Loyal Texans

### FOR PRACTICAL EDUCATION.

Hon. James E. Ferguson, Temple, Texas.

Dear Sir: Being much interested in your candidacy for governor I venture to suggest herein certain measures that not only will doze-tail into and strengthen your candidacy, but also will be of widespread benefit to the people of the state at large, and thus be good for all concerned.

Very rightly you favor the diffusion of knowledge and one of the measures that I suggest will greatly diffuse knowledge of the most vital kind. The measure that I suggest is as follows:

That agricultural science for boys coupled with domestic science for girls be required to be taught in every public school; taught not only in theory but in practice; not only in books but in field and domestic science plants.

To this end there should be established at every public school house a school farm for boys and a domestic science plant for girls. While the students should be required to study books part of the time they should be required to work part of the time; the boys on the school farm along the lines of practical agriculture, horticulture, stock-raising, etc., and the girls required to work part of the time in the domestic science plant, practically to learn all arts cognate to feminine activity, such as gardening, poultry raising, butter making, sewing, cooking, etc.

Such school farm and domestic science plant might be established and equipped with funds raised from a local option tax, supplemented, if need be, by state or national aid, and gifts of public-spirited citizens, and maintained by the output of the school farm and domestic science plant.

As a matter of course such outlays in the beginning should be put the acorn in which there is the prepotency of the great oak tree; be but the mustard seed with the possibility of gradual growth into ever-spreading branches in which all birds of the mind may find shelter.

Texas is an agricultural and stock-raising state and has widespread need of such education as herein suggested. In the matter herein suggested it may be truthfully said that ever arising such benefits as the following:

First: A more general diffusion of education than has heretofore been the case, especially that of a scientific kind.

Second: Our A. & M. colleges might be better supplied with teachers to teach in these public schools and in pay for their education by the state should be required to teach in these country public schools a certain number of years.

Third: Students attending these public schools should be required to work part of the time and study the other part.

Fourth: This plan would lead to the application of knowledge to use, a thing that is sadly wanting in our present system of schools.

Fifth: By establishing a teachers' home on these school farms a permanence of teachership would be had which would save teachers from the present wanderlust that tends to vagabondism.

Sixth: The output of school farms under cheap labor and scientific leadership would go greatly to maintain the school and thus obviate continual appropriations from the public treasury.

In the matter of students attending part of the time whilst studying the other part it truthfully can be said, because based on the history of such schools, that children who are required to work and study alternately have the advantage over those who study all the time and merely find exercise on baseball and football fields, in such vital particulars as:

- (a) They make more rapid advancement in their studies;
- (b) They have better health;
- (c) They build up better business character and habits;
- (d) They are saved from a species of pauperization that results from ever receiving gifts and returning nothing therefor.

Just at present higher or scientific education is confined to a few colleges and universities where only the one out of a hundred can possibly attend, whilst under the plan herein suggested the ninety and nine can receive an education right at their own homes amply sufficient for all the purposes of life.

And it may be further suggested that for the establishing and equipping of these school farms and domestic science plants the appropriations now used for educating lawyers, doctors and all such kind might be used to equip school farms and domestic science plants.

At least for the sake of your candidacy and for the sake of a more general diffusion of knowledge I sincerely hope you will give serious consideration to the measure herein suggested for I have no doubt it will be good for all concerned.

Very sincerely,  
THOS. B. KING,  
Stephenville, Tex., Jan. 27, 1918.

### FOR CLEAN POLITICS.

Hon. James E. Ferguson, Temple, Texas.

My Dear Sir and Friend: I write you to let you know that the Ferguson Forum is a very welcome visitor to your home. I believe I get more out of it for the money I have invested in it, than any other one paper that has been my pleasure to handle for many years.

I am with you first, last and all the time, all the way through the fight. I believe I would like to have you up, and if it is not asking too much of you, I will consider it a great favor if you will send me the names of each and every one of your political persecutors who participated in the impeachment trial, and if it is not asking too much, I would like to have the foundation from whence it started.

Politics is beginning to warm up in Dallas. The only thing I see against you is that you cannot get your fight through the papers of the state, but if you can get the Forum into enough homes, you can win the battle. You should hold a meeting in the city of

Dallas, and get your friends together. Do your best in all things pertaining to good.

I never expect to support a single man who participated in the frame-up against you.

I stand for clean politics, and a fair trial, and equal and just distribution of the people's tax money among the poor as well as the rich, and right here I want to say that I believe you stand you have taken while governor of Texas for the rural schools of Texas, and for the tenant farmer, and your management in general is worthy of every honest thinking, unbiased man in the state of Texas. I cannot understand for the life of the world why the public press in the state of Texas is so silent on the facts pertaining to the welfare of the tax payers of the state.

If the whole truth could be brought out about your political trial and impeachment, the man who thinks would not be long in reading between the lines as to what it was done for, and as to the party determined in their efforts to control if possible. Yes, I stand for you first, last and all the time. I have read and the testimony with an unbiased mind, and I am willing to stand by you until oblivion has set its everlasting seal on the name of the last one of your persecutors.

I wish for you unbounded success and I hope many other of your friends, believe the time will come when you will be vindicated. I wish the "Forum" could be read in every home in this state. The people are entitled to know the facts and the causes which gave rise to them. Write me fully on any subject which you may desire pertaining to your candidacy, and I assure you that I will give the matter my prompt attention.

I am glad to report that during this week's travel, I have received some very encouraging reports in your favor, at the same time, I find in my own city that you have some very bitter enemies, who are willing and determined at any cost to keep you down if they can, but the taxpayers of this state hold in their hand the ballot, and I am praying that they will wield it in the right way when the time comes.

Assuring you of my very highest personal regards, I remain, as ever,  
Sincerely your friend,  
W. T. COSTON,  
Station A, Dallas, Texas, Jan. 26, 1918.

### WHERE HOBBY BELONGS.

Hon. James E. Ferguson, Temple, Texas.

Dear Sir: I just wish I could tell you how glad I am that you have established a paper in which you can tell us old farmers of the tricks of these Austin politicians.

I am a tenant farmer and have supported you ever since you first announced for office. I am stronger for you now than ever, if possible. I think that you sized up Hobby and Loney just exactly right. Hobby, of course, is a traitor to his old friends, as he was elected on your platform. I know he publicly announced that he was running on the Ferguson platform.

We old boys now have got him placed just where he belongs—to the University gang of course. Well, God bless you, I hope to meet you and greet you some time this year; if not and God lets me live until the July primary I'll be there with the goods. You must come to Henderson county sometime during the campaign and make us a speech.

Respectfully,  
G. C. MILLER,  
Malakoff, Texas, January 18, 1918.

### The Ideal Mating

By SALLY JANE SPOTTSWOOD.

The facts, real and plain, not the fancies of life, are simple enough, and, though we try every way in the world to get around them, and above them, and beyond them we can't do it. Women today have more education than they used to have, more "influence," some of them more plain, common, every day, simple self-protection, but this does not alter God's law that a woman, after her marriage, in office, trade or business is in the wrong place if all conditions are natural.

Now understand me, I think it is all right for a woman to have employment before her marriage in any honorable, womanly capacity. Let her have a definite position or profession if she so elects, but after her marriage she certainly has a "definite" and well defined position, which is that of home-maker and housekeeper, and I do not think she needs any other, if all conditions are normal and rational and right.

It would be too bad if the old-time, tender, world-respected relations between man and woman should become entirely matter of fact, business like, and cut and dried, for there is a simple beauty and loveliness in the old-time courtships, engagements and attachments, which are dear, ever precious, to those who have entered into them. All of the ideals of this courtship and its resulting holy marriage are changed if the woman remains a bread winner.

Old-fashioned I know I am, but the full and deep love of a man must imply protection, and, therefore, places upon the man the happy responsibility of looking after and caring for the woman whom he marries and the children which are born to that marriage. The great, world-honored lover is, and will ever remain, he who "persuades and carries away," and no happy woman wants to put in his place the namby-pamby, good-for-nothing thing who "consents" to let his wife go out at a party, or with your soul and mine is distinct contempt for this man. In all true, natural marriages the husband and father is the bread winner and it is only in the true, natural conditions that we are happy. Let the woman win the bread and she will immediately confuse all sex instincts and at once create a condition which repels all fine and refined characteristics in a true man. In other words, we have little respect for a man who will allow his wife to support him and his children, or who will even allow her to help to support them.

In the God-created, Heaven-appointed destiny of man, woman, and child, if the child is to inherit properly and naturally, let the mother be all woman and the father all man. We can, in our wiliness, destroy God's unmistakable purpose for us, and in

our blind ignorance, we can make ourselves believe that "making a living" is the one and only thing, and in so doing we destroy three colossal elements, even essentials. First, citizenship, for a reliable citizenship must have its foundation at the fireside. Second, religion, for God Himself places motherhood upon a throne where all good men may look upon it with adoration. Third, patriotism, for what woman is serving her country so well as she who devotes her life to properly rearing her own sons for her country's service. The woman who is doing the very most for God and man and for the human race in the present day and for the days to come is the old-fashioned woman who, in rearing healthy, normal children for the world who so needs them and who today has none too many of them.

It is not the simplicity but the strength of a woman's heart that makes her want to admire, respect, and "look up to" the man who is the father of her children. Nor is this necessarily archaic, a relic of the primeval days, or the clarion voice of the early Cave period, as if it were all of these it would be none the less a natural, powerful force. The very thought of marriage in its perfect, God-intended meaning implies the woman giving herself to the man, and the very name "father" means authority, protection, to provide for, looking after, and care taking. Now, turn this opinion upside-down and you will get only a pitiful dilapidated, unnatural, ridiculous state of affairs. It is not necessary to state here that I am not including in this resume those noble women who take care of invalid husbands, nor do I include those unmarried women who some strange, incomprehensible power has placed in the world to walk alone, many of whom are helping the world through their unselfishness and devotion to duty. From my heart I regret the conditions which have placed these women where they are, as much as I admire their efficiency and self-sacrificing.

Don't all great, soul-inspiring, love stories involve a hero? In the Bible we find the most beautiful, satisfying, love stories as we do in the lives of all great men. Every world-renowned man has found the very key and motive force of his success in the heart of the woman who loved him, or with whom he was properly mated. In fact, can you imagine a heroless love story? What kind of a hero is it that won't go out and fight the giants of life's difficulties for the woman and the children that are his? Just let a man and woman put this ideal out of their lives and see what happens. Every woman who deliberately takes up a business or a profession with the grim resolution to win at it no matter what comes, sets her life deliberately and persistently against nature's highest plan. I do not mean a what great so-called "success" woman has had lately or what she may be planning or looking forward to in the future.

If woman, even remotely, realized her vast power and devoted to realize them, we would have no confusing questions, for the trouble with women is they mix up the commandments of man with the commandments of God, and they become restless in the high and mighty place where God has placed them. It is a great thing to be a natural woman. Added unto a woman's passionate nature is a maternal carelessness and foresight which make of her love for her husband a comprehensive understanding, and this at once makes the husband a boy again. She often loves her husband as his mother loves him. This God-created maternity in a woman gives itself completely to her husband until God calls her to the divine function for which he planned her creation.

When motherhood, latent in every woman, comes to inhabit the body of a woman a man married, it inspires a true man with worship and the keenest gallantry. When a wife becomes a bread winner and helps to support a family the girl in her dress and woman should not help make the living for the family except to save the living which the husband makes and to see that no pennies go astray. She holds honorable claim upon her share of the family earnings, for surely saving money is as difficult and important as making it. But, a man and a woman who love each other can arrange their finances and they can together determine upon the simplest and easiest manner to "get along" upon what they have.

Some women are trying to bury their beautiful privileges and opportunities deep in a bed-rock pit, then plant impassable briars and brambles and tangled vines all over the pit from which sure oblivion they may never be brought out. There is a proper, natural, God-appointed place for a man and for a woman, both are a part of nature, and nature has never yet been successfully waylaid, subdued, overcome or even temporarily conquered. Nature is bigger and stronger than any faction or cult or belief or law on earth, and it is only in obedience to Her that the Law is fulfilled.

### Higher Education

Daughter who graduated from university after attending high school in city—

"Papa, don't shovel food into your mouth with your knife like that."

"Mama, don't you know that that is vulgar—sucking your coffee out of a saucer?"

"Papa, don't say 'I don't know nothing,' and don't say 'I taken' when you should say 'I took.'"

"Mama, you certainly are not going to church with your hair all froze-dried up like that."

"Papa, don't you know that it isn't nice to wear suspenders with your coat off when you have company?"

"Papa, I'll never go to town with you again. In the restaurant you made a big noise eating your soup, talked and laughed too loud, picked your teeth with your fork, soaked bread in your coffee, and oh, my—it was just awful; I'll never go with you again."

"Mama, the next time Mr. Harper comes to see me don't ask me a lot of questions I can't answer—you expose my ignorance."

"Daughter," asks Mama, "who do they mean when they speak Joan of Arc?"

"Why I think it was Cleopatra."

"Mama," asks Papa, "What is a quota?"

"Why-a-a; I believe it is a ones step."—Exchange.

TEXAS NEWS NOTES

Fire starting in the W. O. W. hall at Yorkum in the business section of the city caused damage of \$75,000.

The Wool Growers Central storage company at San Angelo has increased its capital stock from \$100,000 to \$200,000.

Exports from Galveston for December were \$19,456,260. For the calendar year 1917 total exports were \$229,789,833.

Charles H. Mills of Corsicana, son of the late Roger Q. Mills, is a candidate for the state senate to succeed Senator Robbins.

The committee which is to make another appeal for federal aid for the Texas drought sufferers will meet in Washington Feb. 3.

Mrs. Willie Stephens has been appointed tax assessor for Runnels county as successor to her husband who has gone to the war.

Jesse McLaughlin charged with killing his father was convicted at Georgetown and given a sentence of thirty years in the penitentiary.

Mrs. Katie Ahlers, charged with killing Phil E. Tucker, a broker in Dallas, has been convicted and given five years in the penitentiary.

T. B. Fisher of Dallas has been appointed by the governor a member of the state board of health to succeed Dr. W. D. Littler, resigned.

Contract has been let for the construction of the new educational building at the Southwest Texas Normal at San Marcos. It will cost \$86,000.

F. M. Kell of Wichita Falls, who had been living in Texas since 1836, is dead. His body was buried at Clifton, having been a resident of Bosque county many years.

A. L. Burge, secretary of the Ennis Chamber of Commerce, has been elected secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at Klingle and will enter on his new duties Feb. 1.

Maj. Gen. John Biddle, acting chief of staff at Washington, has issued an order naming Gen. Luther E. Hays of Austin as professor of military science and training at the university.

H. A. Halbert of Coleman has announced that he is a candidate for democratic nomination as commissioner of agriculture of the state, a place now held by F. W. Davis.

Fritz Landers, ambulance driver, lost his life in a fire at Sherman which destroyed the large barn and garage of the Sherman Transfer and Livery company. The loss was \$50,000.

The Texas Hardware and Implement association which closed its 1917 meeting at San Antonio last week will meet next year in Dallas. J. L. Swartwood of Vernon was elected president.

John M. Mathis, a prominent lawyer of Brenham, announces that he is a candidate for the seat in the legislature made vacant by the resignation of Sam D. W. Low, also of Brenham.

The home of A. J. Long, wealthy cattleman at Fort Worth, was burned Sunday, causing a loss of \$60,000. L. I. Long, his son, had his leg broken in leaping from a window of the burning house.

Two aviators were killed and a third fatally injured when two airplanes collided in a cloud above Hockley field at Fort Worth. The machines crashed into each other at a height of 2,000 feet.

C. W. Woodman, former state labor commissioner, has been elected president of the Fort Worth Trades assembly, with Fred Taylor vice president, C. C. Hall treasurer, and S. W. McQueen, sergeant.

Two men were killed in a wreck on the Katy when the "Texas Special" went into the ditch near Bells. The engineer, Blair, and J. J. Tyring, assistant superintendent of telegraph, were the victims.

Four candidates for the legislature to fill unexpired terms have been announced in Houston. Two seek to fill the place of Harry Fisher and two the place of Stanley Beard, both of whom have gone into the army.

Jesse Harris Brown, 28 years old, of Okmulgee, Okla., was shot to death with a bullet after killing Lucille Duncan, formerly Mrs. W. W. Duncan, also of Okmulgee. The tragedy occurred at Wichita Falls.

Revenues of Texas railroads from operation for the eleven months ending Nov. 30, 1917, show an increase of \$6,230,065 over the preceding year, a gain of 19.91 per cent. The total revenues were \$37,823,351.

Oscar Langlet, a well known liquor dealer, and R. F. Scobell, a lawyer, were killed at Fort Worth when the rear tire of an automobile in which they were traveling to Hurt Lake club house last Saturday blew out.

W. B. Henderson, a soldier at Camp Bowie, whose home was near Lufkin, was found dead in the guard house at the camp Monday morning. The killing is a mystery and a thorough inquiry has been ordered by the commandant.

Thomas M. Campbell of Palestine has resigned as member of the East Texas exemption board, because the other members of the board moved its headquarters to Tyler while he was absent at San Antonio as counsel in a murder case.

Interned enemy aliens held at Galveston by the government are to be given an opportunity to go to work on farms in the vicinity of condition that they make monthly reports of their whereabouts and pledge themselves not to leave the country.

The office of secretary of the Texas highway commission has been abolished by vote of the commissioner. The new highway board is made up of Curtis Hancock, Dallas, chairman; J.

G. Fowler, San Antonio, and R. M. Hubbard of New Boston.

A grocer at New Baden who disregarded orders of the Texas food administrator to limit sales of sugar and sold it in lots of 100 and more pounds has been cut off from getting any further supplies of staple food articles.

William McClaune, conductor on the Gulf Coast lines, was killed at Clarksville, a small station near Corpus Christi, and Bishop Paul Nussbaum was among several persons injured when a train of the Texas-Mexican road crashed into the Gulf Coast train.

Aug. 13, 14 and 15 have been set as the dates for the San Saba county fair this year and the following have been elected officers: R. W. Burleson, president; E. E. Engg, vice president; Judge John Seiders, secretary; T. A. Murray, treasurer, and N. C. Walker, attorney.

Eugene Black of Clarksville, congressman from Texas, gave his colleagues and the public generally a shock recently by returning to the federal treasury \$150.16 left over from his appropriation for clerk hire. Such a thing never before happened since the appropriations have been in vogue.

Lon Hill of Harlingen has secured a government contract to cultivate 10,000 acres of cotton beans next year for the department of agriculture, which will use the beans in the manufacturing of oil for the army and navy and for making by-products. This is the largest contract of its kind ever awarded.

J. F. Harrison of Houston, tried for negligent homicide for the killing of Mrs. Kathryn Flanagan while driving an auto, was fined \$300 on that charge and \$50 for driving an auto while drunk. Suits for \$38,500 have been filed against him for the death of Mrs. Flanagan and injury of Mrs. T. A. Oxley, her mother.

Pat O'Keefe of Dallas is said to be slated for United States marshal for the northern district of Texas to succeed Capt. Bill McDonald. John Honeax and John Terrell of Fort Worth, and J. H. Avery of Amarillo, chairman of the livestock sanitary board, also are spoken of in connection with the appointment.

Capt. James J. Hill, 87 years old, the last surviving blockade runner known in Texas, died last week in Brownsville and was buried at Galveston. He came to this country from Ireland in 1862 and entered the Confederate service as a blockade runner at Brownsville, figuring in many stirring events of that period.

Emma Hedda Burgemeister, trained nurse, was acquitted in San Antonio, after one of the most sensational trials ever witnessed in the state, of the murder of Otto Koehler, millionaire brewer, who had been her protector for a long time. Self defense was the plea and the little nurse's own testimony carried great weight with the jury.

In San Antonio a few days ago S. C. Shannon, an employe of the International & Great Northern railroad, shot and killed his wife and then committed suicide. One of the bullets fired at his wife penetrated a partition into another apartment and fatally wounded Mrs. J. C. Wilson, 21 years old, who was engaged in household duties in her kitchen.

Three soldiers, Granville W. Shaw, Robert M. Curry and Clarence A. Shoberg, stationed at Camp Ligon, Houston, charged with the murder of J. C. Snodgrass, Nov. 27, 1917, have been convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to ten years each in Leavenworth prison in addition to being dismissed in dishonor from the army and forfeiting all pay and allowances.

Grenade Drake Gilliland, aged 92, known throughout the country around Floresville as "Uncle Drake," is dead. He was probably the oldest Mason in the state. He attended the first meeting of the Texas grand lodge held in Houston and until a few years ago was a regular attendant at the annual conventions of the grand lodge. When he first attended grand lodge at Houston he rode horseback from Fairview, near where he died.

Contracts have been let by the A. & M. college board for new buildings at the Prairie View normal and for buildings for the newly established Junior Agricultural and Mechanical college at Stephenville. On account of the action of the smelling committee recommending the repeal of the appropriation for the Grubbs vocational college at Arlington, awarding contracts for new buildings there was deferred.

A feud growing out of domestic trouble resulted last Saturday at Seymour in Galley Owens being killed, a man named Breland fatally shot and Mrs. Owens being wounded in the wrist. Owens, who had been separated from his wife, had returned to Seymour to face trial for killing about a year ago a man named Farham, and a brother-in-law named Breland, and for shooting his wife through the leg. The shooting of Saturday started when the parties met in the streets.

The lake back of the great dam at Austin is being drained in order to find new leaks which threaten to destroy the structure. The company which built the dam is bankrupt and the affairs are in the hands of the federal court which gave the receiver permission to drain off the water. The city never has accepted the dam and it is estimated that it will require an outlay of more than half a million dollars to make it safe. \$100,000 to stop the leaks temporarily.

In a pitched battle between sugar smugglers and border patrol guards at El Paso one of the guards was wounded and two Mexicans killed. The fight occurred when about forty armed Mexicans entered the lower part of El Paso and refused to halt when challenged by the guards. They were fired on while trying to cross the Rio Grande and at least two were killed and more are believed to have fallen. On the morning following the night battle two bags of sugar were found where the marauders had abandoned them in their flight.

Record of Hobby As To Locating A. & M. College In West Texas Reviewed

The following letter written by former Senator T. H. McGregor, of Austin, to Hon. Milburn McCarty, of San Angelo, gives an interesting review of the course of Lieutenant Governor Hobby in connection with the location and subsequent repudiation of the West Texas Agricultural and Mechanical college:

Honorable Milburn McCarty, San Angelo, Texas. My Dear Friend McCarty: On my visit to San Angelo and Carlsbad last November I promised to write you a letter reviewing, from the record, Mr. Hobby's connection with the location and destruction of the West Texas Agricultural and Mechanical college, as provided in the act of the Thirty-fifth legislature.

As you know, I had hoped that this institution, so much needed in the great and developing western part of our state, would be located in San Angelo. To bring this about I did all I could. You know my devotion to west Texas and the affection I have for the people of Tom Green county, and the great pleasure which I find in going out there at least once a year. West Texas has been neglected by the legislative branch of our state government, and I long to see the day when they will assert themselves and come into their own. There ought to have been located out there, more than twenty years ago, an agricultural and mechanical college, and her agricultural progress and development would have exceeded what it is now by fifty years. Man has never failed to subdue or overcome the obstacles which nature has placed in his way. He has drained the marsh and made of it a field, whose abundant production has filled the markets of the earth. He has brought moisture and cultivation to the parched desert, and made it to blossom like a garden and filled the atmosphere around it with the fragrance of fruit and vine. There is no place in this world whose undisclosed possibilities are so easy of development as in west Texas. Her possibilities are beyond the wildest dream of the most vivid imagination, and the harvest of her untrodden valleys, plains and prairies under the touch of agricultural development would fill the granaries of the world.

With a citizenship composed of the bravest manhood of this earth, sustained by the rarest and sweetest womanhood of this earth, they have appealed in vain to the legislative department of the state for their own. The Thirty-fifth legislature for a season seemed to appreciate this wonderful part of our wonderful state, and they passed chapter 23, page 46 of the acts of the regular session of the Thirty-fifth legislature, providing for the location of a West Texas Agricultural and Mechanical college. The purpose, though long delayed, was admirable. The method of location within the range of human possibility involved care and integrity. The provision made was ample. Mr. W. P. Hobby at the time of the passage of this law was lieutenant governor of the state. By the terms of the act he, with others, was specifically charged with the duty of locating this institution. He afterwards testified before the house in the trial of Governor Ferguson as to how he discharged that duty. Confining myself to his testimony alone, which is printed on pages 238 to 249 of the House Journal containing that trial, and considering the act as passed, its purpose and the amount involved, I unhesitatingly assert that they make an affirmative record against Mr. Hobby for gross negligence, for inefficiency and utter indifference to the discharge of a public duty unparalleled in any record on written proceeding to be found in this state. The importance of this act was not only made plain by its passage, but was made clear by the emergency clause which it carried. It carried an initial appropriation of a half million dollars and meant the subsequent expending of millions of dollars. It meant the education of boys now and hereafter to be born. It meant and was fraught with the physical and intellectual development of both a physical and intellectual empire. The prophetic vision of John L. Hines could not foresee nor foretell the impending and deferred possibilities involved in that statute.

Mr. Hobby was charged in specific and apt words with the first and most important step in the execution of that statute. He failed to appreciate the honor conferred. He ignored the trust

CASH BALANCE OF PRISON BOARD ON DEC. 31, \$1,693,379

The Texas State Prison commission in its monthly report shows that on Dec. 31 it had a cash balance of \$1,693,379. In addition it owns 700 bales of cotton and has not sold its sugar. It expects to have \$2,900,000 in cash when the cotton and sugar are converted. The disbursements during December amounted to \$276,825. The balance is located as follows: Union National bank, Houston, \$65,197; Houston National Exchange bank, \$58,810; Huntsville State bank, \$40,270, and state treasury, \$1,529,000.

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The State University wants the tax payer to give up \$545.00 to educate their students. Ferguson said it was too much when the common school students were only getting \$15.00.

Ferguson said that for every dollar given the University three dollars should be given the common schools. For this they attempted to impeach him.

THE FERGUSON FORUM

SHORT NEWS ITEMS

The Germans again are planning for a great drive on Calais.

Gen. Tasker H. Bliss again is at the front in France with General Pershing.

With the sinking of two allied steamers in the Mediterranean by enemy torpedoes 718 lives were lost.

Roosevelt attracted a little further attention to himself the other day in Washington by taking lunch with Billy Sunday.

Two men held up R. V. Young, assistant manager of the Calcasieu National bank at Oakdale, La., and got away with about \$11,000.

Dry docks, splendid river steamers, barges and wharves have been swept away by ice gorges at Paducah, Ky., causing losses aggregating from \$600,000 to \$1,000,000.

Fires of suspicious origin caused the loss of \$1,500,000 of depot and quartermasters' supplies at Port Newark. A commission of army officers will conduct an inquiry into the fires.

"Adirondack Bill" Murray has announced as a candidate for governor of Oklahoma and the campaign in the Sooner state promises to be about as interesting as that in the Lone Star state.

Major General Leonard Wood was slightly injured by an accidental explosion "Somewhere in France." Five French soldiers were killed by the explosion and the general received a wound in his arm.

Reports from government agents at Washington show that there is increased activity among moonshiners since the increased tax was placed on liquors and prohibition laws have been adopted in several additional states.

The Commercial Telegraphers union is urging its demand for recognition and while the president of the organization disclaims any intention of ordering a strike he makes it plain that something unpleasant will happen if the union is denied recognition and its members are discharged for their affiliation with it.

General Wright at Camp Doniphan blames American pacifists for the inefficiency of army camp hospitals, saying the activities of pacifists delayed war preparations. He also scores the manner of establishing camp hospitals saying that instead of building hospitals first the hospitals were built about the sick men.

The chemical plant of the Pioneer Iron company, at Marquette, Mich., whose entire output was under contract to the government has been destroyed by a bomb explosion although a heavy guard was maintained about the place. The loss is \$500,000 and causes a serious delay in war preparations. Of course an investigation is being held.

The shipyards of Henry Smith & Sons at Curtis Bay, and the Oella Cotton duck mills at Ellicott city, both plants near Baltimore, have been destroyed by fire supposedly of incendiary origin. At the shipbuilding plant a heavy guard was maintained about the place. The loss is \$1,000,000 and causes a serious delay in war preparations. Of course an investigation is being held.

Two German destroyers have been sunk by striking mines laid by their own people. Only seventeen members of the crews of the two vessels escaped and have been landed on the west coast of Jutland. There were five destroyers in the fleet which ran into the mine strewn zone but three held back and did not even go to the aid of those which were struck.

Four suits aggregating \$1,500,000 in damages have been filed by the P. McAuley, rich Toronto mine owner, who through mistaken identity was arrested in St. Louis a year ago as a forger. He was thought to be "Christ-mas" Koege, a noted criminal. Two of the suits were filed in St. Louis and the other two in New York. All are against two New York firms which caused his arrest.

Full government control of fuel oil and gasoline will be ordered in a proclamation to be issued by President Wilson within the next two weeks, with a view to stopping the depredations of profiteers. The proclamation will include distribution but for the present at least there will be no restriction on the use of gasoline and automobiles as there is no shortage of gasoline at this time.

Mrs. Mary Martin, a former artist of note, was found frozen to death in her home in Springfield, Mo., last week. She was 65 years old and had refused to be cared for by neighbors. A signal had been arranged, however, whereby she was to hang a white cloth in a certain place if she was ill. She had apparently fallen when attempting to reach the window and put up the distress signal.

General Order No. 6, issued by Director General W. G. McAdoo, in control of the railroad transportation facilities of the country, strikes a hard blow to political agents, legislative counsel and lawyers not actually engaged in the service of railroads from which they draw free passes and occasional retainers. This order directs the dismissal of all these and the cancellation of their passes.

Fifteen tons of hoarded sugar is being sold by the food administration in New York for Pincus Friedman, who bought the sugar in New Orleans and has been hoarding it for higher prices. It is being sold to hospitals, charitable organizations and about 500 retail dealers at the retail prices fixed by the administration. The thrifty Friedman is under \$2,500 bond for his little flyer into food speculation.

Old fashioned egg nog made from wood alcohol caused the death of several persons at Francis, Okla., Monday. Among the dead are: Mrs. Emma Sharp, J. G. and Edith Sharp, her sons, and Gladys White, a twelve-year-old actress. Fifteen or twenty others are sick. Oklahoma is a prohibition state but denatured alcohol was stolen from a freight car the night before this

tragedy and is supposed to have some connection with the affair.

Passengers arriving at Juarez Monday brought additional details of the hold up by rebels of a Mexican Central train between Cuernavaca and Toluca, thirty miles south of Jimenez, last Wednesday. Thirty-five passengers and train guards were killed, fifteen young women were carried away by the rebels and all the passengers robbed of their valuables and stripped of their clothing. This band was thought to have been in command of Canuto Reyes.

Charles M. Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel corporation, said at a dinner recently in New York that the working classes will control the destinies of the world. He says the country in the near future must look to the worker for the solution of economic problems. "I am not one," said Mr. Schwab, "carelessly to turn over my belongings for the uplift of the nation, but I am one who has come to a belief that the worker will rule, and the sooner we realize this the better it will be for our country and for the world at large."

Dispatches from Amsterdam say that the Deutsche Tages Zeitung openly calls upon the German people to revolt against the present regime. "We too," says this pan-German organ, "have a Judas among us today. He appears in the red coat and mantle of Germany's hangman. Who will save Germany from these traitors but the German people, the German people help yourself, God will help." Although Emperor William is not named in the article, the expression, "Germany's hangman" is meant for the Kaiser, says the correspondent.

Secretary of War Baker demands more severe punishment of army medical officers who neglect soldiers who are sick, than mere dismissal from the service. This demand was made known in his review of the court-martial action in the cases of Lieut. John D. Dwyer at Camp Funston, and Lieut. C. W. Cole at Camp Beauregard, in charge of the base hospital at the latter camp. After reviewing the records of the court martial the secretary returned them to the trial courts with the suggestion that the sentences be reconsidered and more severe penalties be imposed.

More evidence of a close fellowship between the big packers of the country to plunder both the cattlemen and the consumer has been brought out by Francis J. Heney before the United States trade commission where the inquiry is being held. Their activities extended to control or attempted control of congressmen and senators to prevent the adoption of the Borland resolution calling for an investigation of their methods. Copies of private correspondence taken from the packers' files reveal the widespread ramifications of the grip of the packers on the food supply of the whole country.

Maximalism Harden devotes thirteen closely printed pages in the latest issue of Die Zukunft to reproducing "the real texts" of the recent speeches of President Wilson and Premier Lloyd George. He says that thoughtful and conscientious men should read the speeches quietly and without prejudice and criticisms in astonishingly outspoken fashion, Germany's attitude toward Austria in the conduct of the Russian negotiations.

Senators Culberson and Sheppard have gone to the defense of Col. E. M. House and his relations with the president. House was styled by Senator Sheppard as a "Texas lobbyist" and this designation is resented by the Texas senators. In a letter from Senator Culberson read into the record by Senator Sheppard the senior senator from Texas says: "I first became acquainted with Colonel House in 1891, when James S. Hogg, to whom he was devotedly attached, was governor of Texas, and have known him intimately since then. During all this time, while he has taken an active part in the affairs of our state, his conduct has been that of a patriotic citizen, and nothing has occurred to justify in the slightest degree the thought that he has ever been privately interested in legislation which the term lobbyist would imply."

SAN ANTONIO PUT UNDER ARMY LAW TO SAVE TROOPS

The most drastic action taken by the United States government since the declaration of war virtually placed San Antonio under martial law Friday. Under an order issued by the war department and endorsed by the treasury department and the public health service, all hotels, restaurants, lunch counters, soft drink stands, soda fountains, ice cream factories, milk depots, bottling works and other places where food or drink is manufactured, handled or sold, and all barber shops and manicure parlors were placed under government regulation and will be inspected regularly by public health and army officials.

In addition to that, the order authorized the establishment here of a clinic and laboratory for the treatment free of charge of all social diseases among civilians. The clinic will be conducted by medical specialists selected by the war department and the public health service. To carry out the orders of the federal government, Maj. C. H. Gardner, a noted army surgeon, formerly in charge of the marine hospital in Buffalo, N. Y., has been stationed in San Antonio, with offices on the first floor of the city hall. Major Gardner will have a corps of experts and specialists to assist him and, in addition to taking charge of all inspection work, will have the management of the clinic. The purpose of the government's action is to prevent in any way the contracting of soldiers stationed here and, in that capacity, will assist in the vice crusade. In carrying out the order, inspectors will visit all places covered by the instructions and issue certificates to those that are pronounced satisfactory. All places that do not meet with the approval of the inspectors will be put on the black list. Military police will be stationed in front of such establishments and prevent soldiers from entering.

DEMOCRATS FOR JIM FERGUSON IN BURNET COUNTY

Resolutions Adopted by Club Organized There Denounce Conspiracy by Which Governor Was Ousted and Pledge Him Support.

Burnett, Tex., Jan. 30.—Fully two hundred members have enrolled in the Ferguson Club which was organized here last week with C. Dorband as president and A. L. Collins, secretary. The members are enthusiastic and additions are daily being made to the rolls of the club.

The following resolutions were presented and adopted at the meeting and are expressive of the sentiments of a large portion of the democrats of Burnett city and county:

Whereas, in the campaign of 1914, the Hon. James E. Ferguson was the nominee of the democrats of Texas for the distinguished honor of the governorship of our state, and,

Whereas, in the campaign of 1916, which was in many respects similar to the previous campaign in that the same bitter attacks were made upon him both as a citizen and as chief executive of our state, and,

Whereas, during the said campaign of 1916, when all these charges and counter charges were being brought against him from every street corner, and,

Whereas, after a full discussion of the real facts before the sovereign voters of our state, at which time the issues and the merits of the case were thrashed out to the full satisfaction of a majority of the democratic voters, he was again the nominee by a majority of the democrats of our state, and,

Whereas, the attempted impeachment charges were and are a continuation of the attacks heretofore made upon him with a view towards hindering his efforts and labors in the interest of the masses and for the further purpose of discrediting his administration—these charges containing substantially the same allegations as were embodied in the indictments returned against him by a grand jury of Travis county, Texas, which said indictments were insufficient in law to warrant a conviction for any intentional wrongdoing, which is evidenced by the fact that said indictments were later dismissed by the district court of Travis county, Texas, when said cases were called for trial, and,

Whereas, we, the undersigned democrats of Burnett county, Texas, having full faith and confidence in the private acts and political integrity of "Our Governor," the said Hon. James E. Ferguson, therefore, Be it Resolved, that we endorse his acts as governor and pledge him our unqualified support for the governorship in the campaign now before the people of this state.

C. DORBAND, President. A. L. COLLINS, Secretary.

Press Views On Campaign

Every patriotic Texan wants to do all in his power to help win this war, but there are a few at least who will not vote to turn the state over to the wolves at the head of the pack, who have traded their manhood for a place at the pie counter. In the coming campaign the prohibition question is to be practically ignored. The people are to be deceived by the cry of "Win the War." They are going to vote against the Demon Rum and turn their camouflage on the Kaiser. Just wait till the palm beach orator goes forth next summer and watch the fur fly. Old Wilhelm will get a drubbing that he will never forget and it all depends gentle reader on you voting for Hobbs for governor and turning the pie counter over to the men who want to control the big appropriations to be handed out by the millions to the State university. The people will have the one consolation—they can foot the bills.—Chico Review.

From developments now being made public it seems also that Mr. Hobbs was in full swing with the conspirators and probably actively participated in the shameful proceedings of the last legislature when the office of governor was violently taken away from Governor Ferguson, thus making Hobbs an accidental governor of Texas. As such, it seems to us he needs something more substantial to run on than anything he has announced so far. In fact, we consider his platform about the silliest thing in recent highbrow politics.—Bangs Enterprise.

This same Hobbs is the tool of the University crowd and the people of Texas should smite him with all their might. Another charge that might be brought against him is that he deserted his friends in their hour of need, and no one likes a deserter.—Iredell Record.

Let us make you a prediction: It will take Governor Hobbs possibly sixty days to find out that he will be the last man in the gubernatorial race. He is already learning that thousands of people in this state feel that he stole the office from Governor Ferguson, having ridden into office as lieutenant governor with the aid of Ferguson's friends, and feeling that Ferguson was in trouble with preachers, teachers, liars and lawyers, never raised his voice in defense of a man who had been his friend.—Temple Wage Earner.

While the different candidates are arranging their campaign for governor, they keep one eye on Ex-Governor James E. Ferguson. They are conscious of the great injustice done him and are fearful that the people of Texas will not stand idly by and let such a frame-up go unrebuked. His enemies recognize the fact that he will be a factor in the race for governor.—Palo Pinto County Star.

PROS TO CENTER ON A CANDIDATE; HOBBY OUT OF IT

Wolfe, Head of Dry Organization, Announces Candidate Pledged to Make Texas Dry Now, Will Be Chosen at February Meeting..

Texas prohibitionists will insist on elimination of centering on one candidate for governor who will pledge himself, if elected, to make Texas dry now. That this is their determination is shown by a statement given out at Dallas Sunday by M. H. Wolfe, the chief of the state organization in the interest of immediate prohibition.

This attitude is regarded as eliminating absolutely W. P. Hobby as a choice of the pros except for that small number which is seeking place and preferment either for themselves or for their friends. There will be a general state rally of pros held sometime in February at which the meeting out process will be put into effect and a candidate chosen who will stand squarely on the platform of the pros under the leadership of Mr. Wolfe, will set up for them. Mr. Wolfe's statement is as follows:

"The urgent demand comes from every section of the state that the prohibition forces get together for a final drive to make Texas dry by the election of a governor who will take definite action to immediately close the saloons and stop now the debauching influences among the several hundred thousand soldier boys in the army camps within our gates. The prohibition committee is giving careful consideration to this important matter and it is safe to say that a statewide meeting will be called during the month of February and in the meantime all loyal citizens believing in good government are urged to make no alliance until further developments."

Woman Hides In Laundry Bag To Escape Guards

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 30.—Close inspection of bags of laundry sent away daily from the city sanitarium has been ordered by Dr. George A. Johns, superintendent, as a result of the escape of a woman patient by concealing herself in one of the bags.

The patient was Mrs. Emma Miller, 38 years old, a widow, of No. 3700 Washington Boulevard, who had been at the sanitarium a year. At 7 a. m., when the large canvas bags of laundry were standing in the halls she took part of the clothing out of one and concealed herself inside. This bag, with others, later was carried outside the building by attendants to await the arrival of the laundry wagon.

When the attendant went away Mrs. Miller crawled out of the laundry bag and left the grounds. She went to the home of friends, who telephoned the sanitarium. Guards took her back to the sanitarium. The attendant who carried the bags out said he did not notice any unusual weight Mrs. Miller is of slight build.

TWO MORE DRY ELECTIONS FOR TRAVIS COUNTY

Prohibitionists have acquired the election habit in Austin and Travis county and two more elections are to be held there at an early date. In the district court at Austin last Saturday Judge Cahoun decided that enough irregularities had been disclosed in the election held in all the precincts but one of Travis county on Nov. 15 last to annul the election and he ordered that another election be held in the precincts affected.

Meaning the pros elated over their victory in voting Austin dry Jan. 21, presented a petition for an election in justice precincts 1, 2 and 3 in which are located the only saloons not already voted out of existence.

The election was ordered to be held Feb. 13 by a vote of 4 to 1, the negative vote being cast by Commissioner Emmet White and the affirmatives by County Judge Dave Piekole and Commissioners Corner, Giles and Mays. The district in which the election will be held includes Pflugerville, Germania Hill, Dessau and Cocklebur, where there are now saloons, and some twelve or thirteen settlements where there are no saloons. This district gave a majority of 59 for prohibition in the election on Nov. 15.

With these elections held in February, Austin and Travis county will have passed through five prohibition elections within less than fifteen months.

DRAFT COST IN FALLS COUNTY IS LOWEST IN U. S.

The local board for the operation of the selective service law in Falls county has been commended for the economical manner in which the work has been administered here. The cost for this district per man was less than one-half the average over the state as shown in the following excerpt from a communication received in Marlin:

"It might be of interest to you to know that the cost in Falls county for producing a man at entraining point under the old regulations was \$4.35, which is an excellent average, considering that the cost in the state of Texas averages approximately \$11 for placing a man at entraining point and the cost in the United States approximately \$5, thus making Falls county below the average in both instances. Be assured that the state general's department, and those who are in charge of the execution of the selective service law in the United States, fully appreciate the economical manner in which same has been administered in your county."

The members of the local board for Falls county are Dr. L. P. Robertson, John Sutherland and Dr. W. H. Allen.—Marlin Democrat.

Ferguson's Name Can't Be Kept Off Ticket in Democratic Primaries

When, without cause, in the closing days of September the previously agreed plot to put me, a servant of the people and elected by the people, out of the governor's office, had caused my resignation, what then people would be left free of litigation entanglements, to elect me again, the crooked politicians laughed and danced with joy. They said Ferguson is dead. He will interfere with us no more.

But their revelry was short-lived. As soon as the people became informed and realized what had been done a storm of indignation began to arise in every precinct in Texas and now these political vultures are running to cover. The merits of the charges can no longer be defended. The people and the courts alike have put the iron heel of disapproval upon the morality and legality of the whole disgraceful proceeding.

Thus backed into a corner, this disappointed crowd, which wanted to rule the state with a college diploma, is now making a dying attempt to force the people to elect a governor of the people to rule by saying:

First: That Ferguson cannot get his name on the democratic ticket.

Second: That if he gets a majority of the votes he can not hold the office. In other words, their position is that if the people want to say they can't and if they do say their wishes will be disregarded.

This is the viewpoint of the average inmate or graduated inmate of the university. It is the universal view of the political demagogue who feels that his case to the judgment of the people.

Let us see if either contention is correct.

Can Ferguson's name go on the democratic ticket?

Article 2098, Section 189 of the election law reads as follows:

Any person affiliating with any party or desiring to appear on the official ballot for a general primary, as a candidate for the nomination of such party for any state office, SHALL file with the state chairman not later than the first Monday in June preceding such primary his written request that his name be placed upon such official ballot as a candidate for the nomination named therein, giving his age and occupation, the county of his residence and his postoffice address, which shall be signed by him and acknowledged by him before some officer. Any twenty-five qualified voters may likewise join in the request that the name of any person affiliating with such party be placed upon the official ballot as a candidate for any state nomination, giving the occupation, county of residence and postoffice address of such person, signing and acknowledging the same as above provided, and may file the same with the state chairman on or prior to the date above mentioned, with the same effect as if such request had been filed by the party named therein as candidate for such nomination. All such requests shall be considered with the state chairman when they are sent from any point in this state by registered mail addressed to the state chairman at his postoffice address.

Article 3099, Section 190 of the election law reads as follows:

On the second Monday in June preceding each primary meeting the state committee shall meet at some place to be designated by its chairman, of which designation it shall be the duty of such chairman to notify by mail all members of said committee, and all persons whose names have been requested to be placed on the official ballot, not less than three days prior to such meeting. Such committee at this meeting SHALL by resolution direct their chairman to certify to each of the candidates by the names of such candidates and county residence of each as shown by the requests filed with the state chairman. Copies of such certificates shall be furnished to each newspaper in the state desiring to publish the same, AND ONE COPY SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY MAILED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF EACH COUNTY.

At the meeting of the county executive committee provided for in article 3106, the county chairman shall present to the committee the certificates of the chairman of the state committee, showing the names of all persons whose names are to appear on the official ballot as candidates for state and district offices.

Article 3106, Section 197 of the election law is as follows:

On the third Monday in June preceding such general primary, the county executive committee of each county shall meet at the county seat and determine by lot the order in which THE NAMES OF ALL THE CANDIDATES FOR EACH NOMINATION OR POSITION REQUESTED TO BE PRINTED ON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT SHALL BE PRINTED THEREON.

Thus it is plain to everyone that if I, before the first Monday in June, file with the state chairman my request to have my name printed on the official ballot, the state chairman SHALL file it with the executive committee at its meeting on the second Monday in June. At this meeting the executive committee SHALL order the state chairman to certify my name to the various county chairmen in the state. On the third Monday in June the county chairman SHALL present my name to the

county executive committee and they shall by lot determine the order in which my name shall be printed on the official ballot. There is no discretion left to anyone to refuse to put my name on the ticket after I file my request in writing stating my name, age, residence and occupation. And when some of these wise people try to tell you that my name can't go on the ticket, just ask him to point out how it can be kept off the ticket. If he says the election officials will keep it off, just ask him which official. If he says some judge will enforce my name from going on the ticket, just ask him which judge and under what law. If they can't answer these questions just turn them over to the fool killer and let him try to help make my majority 100,000.

I will appreciate it, the Texas democracy will be vindicated before the nation and it will be forever settled that the people do rule.

The claim that even if I get the votes I cannot take my seat as governor is even more ridiculous.

Even granting the attempted impeachment proceedings to have been legal and authorized by the constitution (which I expressly deny) they would give me the right to condemn the legislature. That action can be amended, changed, or repealed or annulled by any succeeding legislature and it does not take a Philadelphia lawyer to know it, either. Even a lawyer graduate of the university knows it.

Now then, put the question direct to the candidates for the legislature: "If Ferguson gets the majority or plurality in the July primary will you, if elected yourself, vote to count Ferguson's vote and do whatever is necessary to put him as the choice of the people in their office as their servant?"

Make him answer. By this means we will smoke out more political rascals than ever before. They claimed the right to condemn me, now make them give me the right to condemn them. The verdict of the legislature can no more be permanent against me than it was against submission. Impeachment and submission of amendments, under proper conditions, are permitted by the constitution. To say that the next legislature could not disturb the action of the last legislature in attempting to impeach me would be followed by the proposition that the next legislature could not disturb the action of the last legislature on submission. The people have a right to instruct their representatives on either proposition when ever they want to. And if one of these "smart alecks" says he won't be instructed then cut his political head smooth off.

Again, besides all other objections that may be urged against the kangaroo-so-called impeachment proceedings, there remains one fact that settles beyond question my right to hold the office when the people give it to me and proves that the judgment rendered against me is not worth the paper it is written on.

Before my attempted removal from office or disqualification from holding office was even mentioned in any charge written or spoken against me by the legislature, I resigned the office. The fact is being purposely concealed by those opposed to my reelection. You can not remove a man from office after he has already removed himself. Nor can you disqualify him from holding office in the future after he is out of office.

So let no friend of mine who wishes to remove me from office and to disqualify me from holding office that would keep me from holding office in the future, if at all. But this resolution and the vote thereon took place nearly two days after I had resigned. The charges against me contained no prayer for my removal or disqualification, and before that was done I resigned.

So let no friend of mine be deceived by the claim that I can not get my name on the ticket or that I can not hold the office after the people elect me.

Little politician get out of the way, or the wheels of the chariot in which the people are riding to victory may mash your little toes and addle your little brains!

JAMES E. FERGUSON.

Prison Term For Brutal Husband Fixed by Wife

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Jan. 30.—Alvin Karpis of the city was taken to Sing Sing prison today to serve a term there because when he faced Justice Morschauer for sentence for having attacked his wife with a knife, the court asked Mrs. Polhemus to fix her husband's sentence.

His fate is her hands, Polhemus in tears pleaded with his wife to be lenient, but she stood firm and declared he must go to prison. She suggested two or three years. The court made the sentence not less than two and a half or more than four and a half years.

Polhemus was indicted after he had attacked his wife and sister-in-law. Today he pleaded guilty and made the usual plea for leniency.

"Plead with your wife," said the court. "She's going to fix your sentence."

Mrs. Polhemus did and her husband was led away to start to prison.

KAISER SPURNS TERMS OF PEACE PROPOSED BY U. S.

Reply of Germany Made Through Chancellor von Hertling Gives Little Hope That an Early End to War Is to Be Expected.

The reply of the kaiser to the peace terms set forth by President Wilson in his letter of January 8 indicates that the German monarch is not disposed to recede from his policy of blood and iron. Below are given the fourteen proposals made by President Wilson, numbered in rotation and following each in quotations is the answer of Germany made through Chancellor von Hertling:

1. Open covenants of peace.

"Quite ready to accept this proposal."

2. Freedom of the seas.

"No difference of opinion. But England must give up her fortified naval bases."

3. Equality of trade conditions.

"We are in thorough accord."

4. Limitation of armaments.

"Discussable."

5. Impartial colonial adjustment.

"Left for the present to England. But Germany also demands reconstitution of world's colonial possessions."

6. Evacuation of all Russian territories.

"Concerns only Russia and central powers; Germany declines interference."

7. Evacuation and restoration of Belgium without any attempt to limit her sovereignty.

"Germany does not seek to acquire Belgium by violence; refers whole matter to peace conference."

8. All French territory to be freed and restored and wrong in the taking of Alsace-Lorraine must be righted.

"The occupied parts of France are a valuable pawn in our hands. forcible annexations not intended. There can be no talk of giving up Alsace-Lorraine."

9, 10, 11. Readjustment of Italy's frontiers; autonomous developments of peoples of Austria-Hungary; evacuation of Roumania, Serbia, Montenegro and future of Balkan states.

"These questions primarily affect Austria-Hungary, so reply is left to her. Germany will back ally's just claims."

12. Secure sovereignty for Turkey proper; Dardanelles open to all nations.

"Mainly concerns Turkey. Integrity of Turkey and Dardanelles of vital importance to Germany who will energetically support Ottoman ally."

13. Independent Poland.

"Must be decided by Germany and Austria."

14. League of nations.

"Discussable after all other questions are settled."

EXTRA SESSION SURE, BUT DRYS STILL DEFIANT

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made with reference to the senate where the committee found little semblance of stamp records and some other expenditures.

Here are some of the abolitioners recommended and adopted by the central committee: Abolition of the state tax board; the state revenue commission; superintendent of masonry; industrial accident board; warehouse and marketing commission; livestock sanitary board; state quarantine; state prison board; and substitution of a board of three highly paid citizens with plenary powers to scrutinize all other departments and purchases, by an auditor of their selection, omitting provision for auditing their own expenditures and contracts.

Some abolitionists these committee men!

Among the abolitionists there is not perfect harmony, for instance, the proposition to put the highway commission's work in the hands of the railroad commission is opposed by some who want it turned over to the agricultural department along with the warehouse and marketing department and several other departments.

Adoption of the proposal changes the responsibility of the state highway culture an autocrat of power and political influence who will be able to dictate nominations, control legislation and play Warwick to the administration to a degree that will make the comptroller's office look like the traditional "thirty cents."

But it is "On with the dance! Let change and abolition run riot!" so long as little politicians have their swing and the people can be fooled into sending them back to Austin.

Some objections are heard to the resignation of Curtis Hancock as chairman of the state highway commission and in retaliation for his successful drive for the abolition of the office of secretary of the commission and his \$9,600 salary, some of the other abolitionists propose to abolish the entire commission.

ASTOUNDING as it may seem some members of the investigating band have come around to Jim Ferguson's position that the University of Texas and its board of regents are not immune from inquiry as to how they squander the people's money; these committee men, twelve in number, count 'em, twelve! have dared profane the temple of Texas autocracy and criticize a so-called "salary adjustment" that simply adjusted salaries from regents at a higher level without calling upon them for any more work or advancing them to higher duties. And, more marvelous still, the attorney general, agrees with them and indorses their recommendation that the regents should have the excess over salaries fixed in the appropriation bill refunded into the state treasury.

There was no student mob, and authorized and encouraged by the presi-

dent of the University and faculty members to visit public wrath upon Looney, Westbrook and his eleven fellow committeemen, who dared thus to tread upon sacred ground and criticize these apostles of higher education whose chief conception of height is the attitude of the appropriation bill. Possibly the explanation is that the mob leader is absent and the amiable president is also away from the scene. What restitution may come to these daring solons for asking these shining examples of higher education to return the money of the plain, common people, which has been unlawfully paid them, is yet to be seen.

Another recommendation is to fire Will Wood, fish officer and game commissioner, and call on Senator Walter Caldwell to refund money paid him by Wood for legal services, the attorney general having decided that acceptance of professional employment by the senator under the circumstances was irregular.

The sub-committee on penitentiaries handed in three separate reports and there might have been more had there been more members of the committee. The report which recommends abolition of the commission on the dismissal of the present commissioner, who have a cash balance of nearly \$1,700,000 in bank, with 700 bales of cotton and all their sugar crop on hand yet undisposed of. Such efficient business management is not appreciated by the public and they want to get a clean sweep at that money and relegate the prison system to its former disreputable status of bankruptcy, inefficiency and scandal.

Treasurer Joe Edwards is somewhat perturbed by the report of the committee that looked into the affairs of his office. He complains that his evidence is distorted and incomplete and writes a letter trying to make clear how it comes that liberal bankers are disposed to lend him money at remarkably low rates of interest such as 2 per cent.

There is an anvil chorus of howls over the proposal to do away with the various boards of managers and regents and substitute in their stead a board of purchase and control in charge of all the state departments and eleemosynary institutions. There will be much uproar over several other items that appear in the central committee's report to the governor.

HOBBY HOB-NOB IS PLAIN BLUFF AND ARROGANCE

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your all you are giving to your country, that entitles you to be called a patriot. If the tenant farmer, or the mechanic in the shop must give up his only boy to the war, then Hobby's rich oil king friend can at least give up his son-in-law.

"Must be decided by Germany and Austria."

14. League of nations. "Discussable after all other questions are settled."

And by the way, that great smelling committee down at Austin could find only 1,800 students at the great university there. They found 455 teachers and employes teaching these 1,800 students. The appropriation made by the kangaroo legislature and the money from the university funds amounted to over two million dollars for the support of that arrogant bunch of educated aristocracy for two years. In other words, after bragging in the university papers that my opposition to the university brought about my impeachment, the resolution is coming and truth is rising again and the fact is laid bare that this damnable university management is using the taxpayers' money to pay a salaried employer for every four students in the school and it is costing \$566 a year per student on this extravagance under the regime of the millionaire regents appointed by this young Hobby, who says that the proudest act of his life was to approve this big university appropriation.

This two million dollars would buy a good one-third of one hundred thousand soldiers, hundreds of whom have already died from exposure here in our home state. It would buy an extra pair of blankets for two hundred thousand soldier boys who are sleeping in tents, while your sweet-scented university studs are living in fraternity houses by warm fires throwing high dice and drinking high balls.

Oh, Billie! Billie! stop that rat trap political hypocrisy which your friends are trying to put you over on, in trying to make people think that you are worried about winning the war.

Why this two million which the university is spending on 1,800 students would feed the entire Texas national guard for a whole year. Billie, if you want to win the war tell the rich parents of these students to pay tuition or go home and let us help Uncle Sam to feed and clothe our Texas boys and show them that we are really behind them in this war.

This two million which the university is spending on 1,800 students would give \$100 to 2,000 families in Texas—enough to feed each family full grass rises again. To Hades with an education that will not heed the call of humanity. To Hades with an education that wants the few to revel in plenty while the many suffer in want.

Why should we give our sons and our their life blood on foreign battle fields to make the world safe for democracy while building up and lavishing the people's sustenance on a self-arrogant few who seek to dominate the people with a college diploma and make out our dear state sure for a wicked aristocracy?

The people want no such thing and will have no such Hobby.

TEXAS BISHOP IS MADE ARCHBISHOP OF NEW ORLEANS

Right Reverend John W. Shaw, Successor to Archbishop Blenk, Will Be First American Born Prelate to Preside Over Province.

Bishop John William Shaw, of the San Antonio diocese, has been appointed archbishop of the province of New Orleans, succeeding the late Archbishop Blenk. He will be the eighth archbishop of New Orleans and his installation will take place about Easter. Bishop Shaw became bishop at San Antonio on the death of Bishop Forest and he will be the first American born archbishop to preside over the province of New Orleans. He is a native of Mobile and of Irish extraction. His predecessors, with two exceptions, have been Frenchmen, these two being Archbishop Blenk a German, and Archbishop Janssens a Hollander.

It is expected that Bishop Gunn of Natchez will either sing the mass or preach the sermon. Plans to create a new diocese with the seat of the see in Lafayette, this state, gains additional confirmation in the appointment of Archbishop Shaw. Important administrative posts will have to be filled. Among a long list are those of chancellor, now held by the Rev. Joseph Foudreaux, and of vice chancellor, held by the Rev. Peter M. F. Wynhoven.

The board of diocesan consultants, who are to the bishop precisely what the cabinet is to the president of the United States, also will retire in a body.

Farmers Score Giving Big Sum To University

The Farmers' Union of the Pecan Valley district at a meeting held in Menard, January 18 adopted several resolutions relating to the interests of their organization. The committee on resolutions was composed of Messrs. E. Tetens, W. C. Eichert and R. L. Richter. One resolution favors the exemption of improvements on lands, another the abolition of the system of double taxation and a third which condemned the extravagant appropriations for the University was as follows:

"Whereas the 35th legislature enacted a statutory law establishing and making an appropriation sufficient to build and equip an agricultural college and

"Whereas, the locating committee spent something like \$1,000 locating said institution, and

"Whereas, the called session of the 35th legislature repealed said statute and gave the appropriation to the State university, therefore be it

"Resolved, that we condemn the action of the called session in repealing said law and be it further

"Resolved, that we regard the appropriation for the university as very extravagant."

The visiting farmers were welcomed by the mayor and other leading citizens of Menard and despite the blizzard the meeting was successful and pleasant.

When a woman is sulky and will not speak—Exciter.

If she gets too excited—Controller. If she talks too long—Interrupter. If her way of thinking is not yours—Converter.

If she is willing to come half way—Meter. If she will come all the way—Reveler.

If she wants to go no further—Conductor. If she would go still further—Dis-patcher.

If she wants to be an angel—Trans-former. If you think she is unfaithful—Detector.

If she is unfaithful—Lever. If she proves your fears are wrong—Compensator.

If she goes up in the air—Condenser. If she wants chocolates—Feeder. If she sings wrong—Tuner.

If she is in the country—Telegrapher. If she is a poor cook—Discharger. If her dress unhook—Connector.

"Thirty cents"—Refrigerator. If she is wrong—Rectifier. If she is cold to you—Heater. If she gossips too much—Regulator. If she fumes and sputters—Insulator.

If she becomes upset—Reverser.—Electrical Experimenter Magazine.

Court Ruling Affects Votes of Foreigners

Aliens who have been exercising the right of ballot in the United States by virtue of intention papers may find themselves unable to vote in the coming elections, especially those who have allowed their papers to expire under the seven-year limit as passed by congress June 29, 1906. The following instructions have been sent the various federal district clerks in Texas:

"The supreme court of the United States held in a decision announced on the 7th instant in the case of the United States vs. Moreno, that declarations of intentions made prior to September 27, 1906, became invalid for all purposes on September 27, 1913, by operation of the seven-year limitation contained in the naturalization act of June 29, 1906.

"You should therefore receive no further petitions based upon declarations made before September 27, 1906."