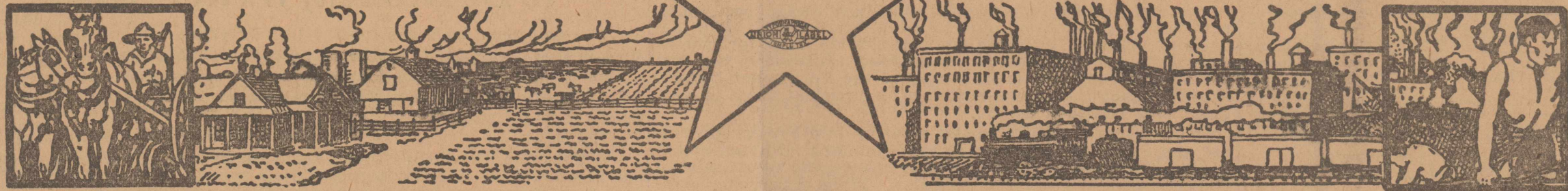


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PLATFORM OF GOV. MIRIAM A. FERGUSON, WHO IS A CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION

TO THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS:—

Some weeks ago in a formal statement I announced for re-election to the office of Governor subject to the Democratic primaries. As I have never scratched the Democratic ticket or violated the party pledge, I felt that I was justified in making this announcement.

In that statement I gave my personal reasons for asking the same second term that has been given to men, and I promised to later give to the people such an account of my administration as would justify my re-election. I now give to the people of Texas that information.

This discussion necessarily involves the statement of past performances and future promises. What has been done and what will be done. Tried by this rule I am willing to be weighed in the balance of public opinion and abide the consequences.

TAX REDUCTION

In the first place I promised the people if they would elect me that there would be a reduction in state taxes, and that appropriations would not be allowed to exceed the constitutional limit. To insure the full performance of this promise, I asked the co-operation of the Legislature and stated that I would not approve any special appropriation until the actual needs of the state government were first taken care of and within the constitutional limit. The preceding, 38th Legislature, appropriated for all purposes \$46,855,772.85 and the present 39th Legislature appropriated for all purposes \$36,095,803.95, or a reduction of \$10,759,968.90—yes more than ten and three-quarter millions of dollars reduction for the first two years of my administration. To bring about this result it became necessary for me to veto more than two million in appropriations to keep the total within the constitutional limit.

On account of my administration having inherited a two million dollar deficiency (including about \$800,000 to pay the debts of the prison system) from the preceding administration, it was not possible to reduce the state rate for 1925, but the constitutional limit was respected and the state rate for 1926 will be reduced from thirty-five cents to twenty-five cents—a fraction over thirty per cent reduction.

As a result of these economies there has been brought about a very prosperous condition of the State Treasury. On April 1, 1925, seventy days after I came in office, there was to the credit of the General Fund \$676,351.38, while on April 1, 1926, there was to the credit of the General Fund after paying March expenses approximately \$5,000,000.00, or a gain of four and a quarter million dollars.

It is needless to say that the state can be kept on a cash basis, and there will be no necessity for the discount of warrants, drawn against the regular appropriation.

I submit that the promise of tax reduction has been fully redeemed.

LAW ENFORCEMENT.

Much is being said about law enforcement. While the tendency would appear that crime is on the increase, yet the record of my administration would justify the hope of some reform.

I am glad to report that up to this date there has not been any riot, insurrection, or strikes during my administration. There has been no killing by Rangers and the Ranger force has not been sent to any section except upon request of local officers. Greatest of all there has not been a lynching in the state during my term—the first year since 1882 that no lynching has occurred.

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

The forefathers who founded our state and nation wrote into the organic law of the land that "the people shall be secure in their person, papers and possessions from all unreasonable seizures or searches, and no warrant to search any place or to seize any person or thing shall issue without describing them as near as may be, nor without probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation." This provision was and is the greatest law ever conceived by the mind of man for the protection and guarantee of the liberty of the citizen. To fully insure this protection the 39th Legislature passed a law to punish any and all persons who violated this sacred right of man. I gladly approved that law.

PARDONS

The pardon policy which I have pursued has been the occasion for much censure. I have been misrepresented by many and misunderstood by many. I invite the full inspection of my official pardon record. I do not claim that my pardon record is perfect, but I thank God that regardless of those who have so



GOVERNOR MIRIAM A. FERGUSON

viciously condemned me that my pardon program has been one actuated by mercy and forgiveness. I insist, as I have many times before, that the number of pardons has nothing to do with the issue. I would rather issue ten pardons where I thought they were deserved than to issue one pardon when there is some question of whether it should be issued at all. It is not how many pardons the Governor has issued, but what every citizen has a right to know is what was the reason for each pardon.

It has been charged that I have issued pardons by the wholesale. The person who repeats this charge is either too ignorant to know the truth or is not willing to tell the truth. Each pardon granted by me has been issued upon its own individual merits and no pardon issued has any connection with the issuance of any other pardon. From my inauguration to April 6th of this year I have issued 1715 executive clemency proclamations. Of this number there were:

Full pardons	251
Conditional pardons	647
Restorations	236
Paroles	129
Furloughs	351
Commutation Death Sentences	6
Respites Death Sentences	6
Remission Jail Sentences	15
Remission Fines	8
Remission Fine and Jail Sentence	12
Reduction Fine	4
Reduction Fine and Jail Sentence	1
Remission Bond Forfeiture	2
Revocation of Conditional Pardons	5
Revocation of Paroles and Furloughs	23
Suspension of Service of Mandate C. of C. A.	2
Restoration of Hunting Privileges	3
Reduction Bond Forfeiture	14

Total Executive Clemency Proclamations...1715

Of this number it will be seen that the number of full and conditional pardons was only 898. There were 236 restorations of citizenship and 129 paroles and 351 furloughs. Restorations are issued after the convicts have served their time in full. Paroles are issued where the convict has served a good portion of his time and because of good service they are paroled to private citizens for the remainder of their term. Furloughs are issued to prisoners for short times in terms averaging not over thirty days, to enable the convict to go home to their friends, to attend the funeral of relatives or where serious sickness has overtaken some member of the convict's family. In many cases furloughs are issued for convicts to go home to make

some preparation to prevent starvation and want to helpless and destitute children who as a result of the conviction of the parent are in poverty and distress.

Of the number of pardons issued 560 have served more than half of their sentence. Many were granted conditional pardons in order that they might be treated for serious diseases and where it meant death for them if they continued to be kept in the Penitentiary. More than fifty of the number pardoned were afflicted with tuberculosis, most of which were incurable and if left in the Penitentiary might have endangered the lives of other prisoners. Of the 898 pardons issued 263 were for violating the liquor law where the sentence was usually one year; 157 were persons charged with murder, 21 were charged with assault to murder, 45 charged with rape, 93 charged with theft and embezzlement, 68 charged with burglary, 31 with theft and burglary, 63 with forgery, 29 with manslaughter, 5 with bigamy, and 60 with robbery. The remaining were for various crimes denounced as felonies under the statute. Of the number recommendations for pardon were made by court officials in 431 cases, by county officials in 53 cases, by prison officials in 37 cases, by citizens in 129 cases and in 108 cases pardons were issued where the convicts had not a friend in the world and had given long service to the state; 85 were pardoned on account of poor physical condition, only seven were pardoned because of doubt of guilt. Of these pardons only 64 were serving life sentences and in such cases the convict had served from twelve to twenty-five years.

As above stated 263 of the 898 pardons issued were for violating the liquor law. Nearly one-third of the total of the pardons issued were for the violation of the offense of either the illegal possession or sale of liquor. Approximately one-fifth of all convicts now in the penitentiary are for violation of the liquor law. I regret to say that the enforcement of the liquor law has become one of a law made for the poor and not for the rich. More than six months ago I offered a reward of \$500.00 for the arrest and conviction for violation of the State liquor laws of any person worth more than \$5000.00. Since the offer of such reward there have been more than two hundred convictions for violation of the liquor laws and there has been only one claim made for the reward which I offered. Those who are loudest in condemnation of my pardon record know that the rich and well to do in this country violate the liquor laws with impunity. They know that even many District Judges, County Judges, Sheriffs and even higher officials violate this law, and these people who condemn me so vehemently dare not open their mouths against the violation of the law by officials and the rich and well to do. I do not argue that because the rich violate the law that it is any justification for the poor to violate it also, but I do claim that as long as the rich and well to do go free that I am justified in extending a liberal policy toward the unfortunates who have neither friends nor rich relatives to hire lawyers and help them escape conviction. It is not because of the pardon policy that the people are losing respect for the law near so much as it is because of the failure to convict more people for the violation of the law. For every convict that I have pardoned after he has served one-half his time for violation of the liquor law there are more than one hundred violations, yea five hundred violations if you please, by people who are not even ever tried, let alone convicted.

The charge is made that I have been controlled by maudlin sentiment in the issuance of pardons. In answer to this I invite a careful inspection of my official record and the figures here given. This record shows that in nearly every case it was my official duty to exercise the pardon power in the manner in which I did. To sum up this whole pardon situation I want to here and now issue a challenge to those who think they are running for Governor to take my whole pardon record of 1715 executive clemency proclamations and let them point out to the people of Texas just what pardons they want to criticize and what objections they have to the official reasons which I have stated as a cause for my action in issuing the pardon. My pardon record is either right or wrong and the people are entitled to know just what pardons should not have been issued, and I trust that they will not let any candidate for Governor deceive them by wholesale denunciation without a detail of facts.

HIGHWAY COMMISSION

The administration of the Highway Commission appointed by me has been criticized by many good people. Part of this criticism has been justified, but most of the criticism has not been prompted by either a desire to state the facts or from any patriotic desire to help the State. I shall not dodge my responsibility in any respect and I am willing for the people to blame me for whatever dereliction of duty that I ought to carry in the administration of this department of the State. At the time required by law I appointed the full Highway Commission composed of three members who were prominent citizens of the

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THE KLAN IS IN POLITICS

Only those deluded mortals who believe all they hear, and read have any faith in the assertion that the Klan is out of politics. Such an assertion from an organization, whose members are counseled to lie about their affiliation with it, carries no weight with intelligent observers. The editor of the Baird Star is among those who decline to accept as true the assertion that the Klan is not in politics and he says:

"We hear it repeated that the Ku Klux Klan is out of politics in Texas, in a hog's eye! What was that Ku Klux Klan rally staged at Temple, the home of Governor Ferguson, on San Jacinto Day for if not to boost some other candidate for governor, than Mrs. Ferguson. No one need be told that this rally was not in the interest of Mrs. Ferguson, because they mostly voted against her at both primaries and general election in 1924. Who is the Klan boosting Dan, Lynch or a Dark Horse. We know that it's neither 'Ma' nor 'Jim'."

HIS NAME MAY NOT BE DANIEL

The old time democrat, W. E. Gilliland, who is editor and publisher of the Baird Star, thinks the enthusiastic friends of the young attorney general may be just a little hasty in heralding their claim that the young lady of Abilene, who recently became his bride, has married the next governor of Texas. This old time democrat also expresses himself frankly and clearly upon the turning of educational institutions into political clubs and partisan political organizations.

His comments upon the matters referred to are timely and instructive and are reproduced here as follows:

"Dan Moody's partisans are playing up his wedding to boost him for governor. Going on the theory that all the world loves a lover, we suppose. Dan's partisans have already married Miss Paxton to the next Governor of Texas, as they claim. Eight hundred thousand democrats will nominate the next governor and his name may not be Daniel, and it may not be a man at all. Who knows, and if a man his name may be Lynch, and not Dan.

"One of the boasts heard at Baird Monday, was that a club of 800 for Moody was organized in Abilene in one minute. Rather swift work. One said it was students of Simmons university that formed the club. This may and may not be a joke, but if true is liable to do Simmons university more harm than any good for Moody's campaign. A college can no more afford to enter partisan politics than a church, because both draw, or hope to draw support from all parties, not merely a faction of one political party."

JUDGE ANGERED BY DRY OFFICERS PARTIALITY

Judge Wilkerson of the federal district court in Chicago made known his feelings as to the character of persons brought before him by dry law enforcement officers when on April 23 he rebuked them for bringing only the poor, the friendless and the ignorant into court for violations of the prohibition laws. "For six months," he said, "the enforcement officers have brought in nobody but the poor, the friendless and the ignorant. Let them go after the big fellows."

This rebuke by the court was followed by the announcement of the United States district attorney that he would ask the court at once to dismiss charges against about 200 offenders of the class the judge had said was the chief product of the activities of the enforcement officers.

The angry outburst by the judge followed the arraignment of Nicholas Daviskur, a 65-year-old farmer, of Aurora, Ill., arrested for having a still in his cellar.

"I am not going to send this old man to jail for such an offense while the big violators are running around untouched," shouted the judge, as he sprang from his chair and pounded the desk in emphasis. After delivering his ultimatum the judge sentenced Daviskur to one day in custody of the United States marshal.

Those Who Ought to Vote

Editor Forum: They want honest officials in office. What a wonderful assertion, great, grand and encouraging. Why is it that no great statesmen ever thought of that before? Mr. Moody and Mr. Davidson can't make a speech or write an article without declaring they want honest men in office. Is there any good citizen in Texas who does not want honest officials? That can't be an issue, because all good people agree with both of these gentlemen. Will the two men or either of them, tell the people whom they are flinging at? Surely they don't instigate that Mr. Neff, or Hobby was dishonest, for their administration is behind us. No, it can't be them. Well, is it the department of agriculture, the treasury, comptroller's office, health department, banking or railroad commission? A hoot owl knows they have no reference to those department officials.

Of course they would not for a moment say, insinuate or think Mrs. Ferguson or Jim was dishonest, because, three grand juries for months investigated every official act of theirs with the help of state attorney, county attorney and district attorney, and the grand juries reported they found no evidence of guilt, or dishonesty. Now Mr. Moody and Mr. Davidson and the writer, the Fergusons certainly have a clear record, and higher standing than any of us. We have not, I mean our official acts, have not been investigated. A jury might find us guilty of fraud or dishonesty but the Fergusons went through the blazing heat of an unusual ordeal and scrutiny, and came out with a clean record. If you please, with a blue ribbon. Even Mr. Satterwhite, so anxious to call a special session of the legislature, said he did not think Mrs. Ferguson guilty of any crime and was willing for her to serve out this term. Very nice indeed. He wanted an extra session, I think, to prevent her getting in again. Am not sure these are the exact words used but they convey the idea in view.

In a former article I said who was justified in voting against Mrs. Ferguson. I will now say who should vote for her: Those who are in favor of a search and seizure law, a law against robed and hooded men parading streets, or invading cemeteries and churches, backed by a secret political organization. Those who participated in the state democratic convention in 1924 and made the platform, especially members of the executive committee; those who clamored for an economical administration, to hold expenses within the state income and to make the penitentiary self sustaining, in fact, let it feed and clothe itself, all of which Mrs. Ferguson has accomplished; those who believe the country school is the foundation of a higher education, and of more real benefit to all children, than the university, however, both are needed. The Fergusons were first to champion the country schools, others are trying to steal their thunder. Next those who were elected on the Ferguson platform should vote for her, except Dan Moody. He has a reason. Next are the Ferguson appointees. They should talk Fergusonism, write it to their friends, write it for papers, and speak it from the stump, for if she goes out, they sure go out too. Some folks have much to say about their honesty and business ability. A man may be a good head hand but that is no indication that he would make a good farm manager. A man who brags about his coon dog ought to show the coon skins.

Mrs. Ferguson has coon skins all over the wall. She placed the cards on the table face up. It is the best showing any governor ever made, from Coke to this date. She has Dan and Lynch up a tree. They can't come down head foremost, don't want to turn loose, and fall out and are too proud to back down. Some of Mrs. Ferguson's earliest critics have petered out. Others will do likewise when Jim gets before the people and shows that the interference in road matters cost the taxpayers of Texas about \$348,000, and the text book contract, too.

Now let us talk Fergusonism. Lynch and Dan are talking Fergusonism. Let that be our slogan. Think, talk and dream Fergusonism, along with them, and we will win. Thanks for the idea.
LEA BEATY.
Lockhart, Texas.

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From a reliable source the Forum has received a report of a straw vote taken in Taylor, Dan Moody's home town, April 26. Rain was falling and 36 persons had found shelter in a cold drink stand. Of this number 29 were Taylor voters and 7 were transients. Various topics were discussed among them the race for governor and a proposal was made to sound the sentiment of the crowd as to the candidates for governor. Slips of paper were distributed and a hat was passed for the collection of the ballots. The result was Mrs. Ferguson 34; Dan Moody 2. Of the number of Taylor voters 27 were for Governor Ferguson and seven transients were of the same opinion while two Taylor voters cast their ballots for Moody.

Straw Vote in Dan's Home Town Shows Ma Far Ahead in Race

The following account of the celebration of the 82nd birthday anniversary of J. H. Killingsworth near Prairie Dell is sent to the Forum by his nephew, T. M. Killingsworth of Athens:

Sunday, April the 18th, the children of J. H. Killingsworth together with his brother, G. J. Killingsworth and son of Athens, Texas, and W. W. Upshaw, Pink Denman and Judge Lewis H. Jones of Belton, assembled at his home near Prairie Dell to celebrate his eighty-second anniversary.

The weather was ideal and all nature seemed to put forth its best efforts to add pleasure to the occasion, and make it one of the happiest days of his and his relatives lives. His home surrounded as it is by sturdy live oaks, the lawn covered with a thick carpet of Texas Blue Bonnets, spreading their sweet fragrance through the air, and the voices and clatter of grand children running to and fro, each one eager to cling to the hand and transmit new life into the veins of this gray-haired old veteran, all lent enchantment to the view.

Judge Jones delivered an after dinner address, very appropriate for the occasion and the evening was spent in round table conversation and out door games, then all went home, wishing him many more happy birthdays.

Veteran's Birthday Made Happy by Big Family Celebration

Huntsville, Tex., April 28.—One of the most pleasing incidents of the first visit of the first woman governor of Texas to the state penitentiary was the banquet given in her honor in the prison chapel, with the board of prison commissioners as hosts and inmates preparing the feast at which they worked with enthusiasm and good will regardless of overtime or long hours.

The Huntsville item in its account of the governor's visit thus makes note of this banquet:

"Many guests from surrounding towns and many local citizens were present for this occasion. After the serving of the meal, Frank O'Rourke, secretary of the prison commission served as toast master.

"The first toast was made by Tom Ball, who as mayor of the town gave a welcome to Mrs. Ferguson and other visitors. Mr. O'Rourke then introduced the governor.

"She expressed her appreciation of the banquet and of the welcome that she had received here. She said that the day had been a busy one for her and that since she was very tired she would not make a lengthy talk but would ask 'the man who carries in her wood and water' to talk for her. Ex-Governor Ferguson then addressed the assembly. He said that he always enjoyed coming to Huntsville for patriotic reasons since this was one of the state's historic towns, and that he likes to come so that he wouldn't be forgotten by the people over here.

"Other talks and addresses of welcome were made by Judge A. T. McKinney Jr., Eugene Smith of Austin, Henry Turner of Madisonville, H. E. Estel, Judge Carl Harper, G. Ferguson, county judge of Madison county, Judge Nat Patton of Crockett, S. C. Wilson, J. R. Tilley, Dr. Collins of Lovelady, Mrs. Walker Sayle, Rev. A. R. Watson, the prison chaplain."

The committee on arrangements and entertainment was composed of N. L. Speer, warden, who was chairman; Halsey Davis, chief accountant; C. C. Johns, superintendent of construction; Rev. A. R. Watson, chaplain; Mrs. Halsey Davis, Mrs. C. J. Davis and Hudson Davis.

The committee on invitation consisted of J. R. Jordan, criminal record clerk N. L. Boudreaux, master mechanic, and C. J. Davis, cashier.

The menu provided was as follows: Pork au Grèce Imperial Yams Chicken a la Wynne Camp Dressing Cranberry Sauce
Kid au Harlem Retrieve Slaw Creamed Asparagus on Toast

Banquet to Governor Feature of Trip to Huntsville Prison

The traditions of Texas for the last 52 years will not be broken this year, says J. J. Johnson, of Uvalde, in a communication published in the Dallas Morning News, Monday, April 26, and Governor Ferguson will be re-elected. His communication is as follows:

To The News.

A writer in The Dallas News, some weeks ago, suggested the election of officers for terms of four years. In the opinion of this correspondent the suggestion is good and should receive the consideration of the lawmakers who congregate in Austin biennially. The democratic campaign of 1924 convinces one that a change should be made. It was a hard campaign and undoubtedly left more disappointed office seekers and disappointed voters than in any previous year, 124,013 short in their aims for success at the ballot box. It was a warm campaign; to the majority satisfactory, except in the creation of factions that seem still unsatisfied, who, expecting defeat, they are ready to dig up the hatchet for July, should they be able to get into the Democratic primary. It is a bad regulation that too often starts these political broils each biennial opportunity. Many of the voters in the 1924 campaign were at a loss how to vote—nine candidates for governor; why not ninety-nine? Holding election for each two-year term, with the expenditure which would surprise us. Still that concerns the office seeker alone. Some times the state gets the best; some times the other candidate. Good salary and a four-year term will insure the election of the best material. But it can not be denied that under the present system, Texas governors, most of them, have ranked high.

This year Texas has about half the number of candidates for the office of governor that she had in 1924. Little campaign news has reached the readers up to the present time, except a few newspaper articles that come from Dallas and Austin, just enough news to interest the voters in declaring their preference for their individual candidates. Judging from the sentiment expressed; Mrs. Ferguson is the strong candidate in Southwest Texas. For re-election to the office the present governor is almost certain of carrying the Southwest territory—Uvalde and Medina counties sure.

Campaign arrangements will be made for canvassing this territory, which will be in the interest of the present State Democratic administration. There is little opposition to Mrs. Ferguson to give her the second term, adhering to the precedent adopted by Texas Democrats with the election of Gov. Richard Coke, in 1873. In 1924 from the Coke administration every governor was re-elected in Texas by the voters, and it is considered right that the present Governor will receive the same honor. It would be a political revolution to cause the State to vote otherwise. The administration of the Governor since her election has been good, if not better, than that of any Governor hereto elected, and we fail to find, at any time, in the papers anything that reflects against the management of state business by the administration. Discussions have been direct to and from the Hon. James E. Ferguson. Plenty of the old politicians have no good word for Ex-Gov. Jim Ferguson, for the reason that he smashed the State House machine of years ago, but there are men who voted against him in the Legislature in his second term that are with him in the present issue. With the Austin convention, in August, 1924, the old crowd and Ferguson were in the work for success in the November election, and they won. Every election has its ambitious list of candidates that want to serve the State but this election will follow the same route that has been adhered to for fifty-two years without a break-re-election.

The daily papers previous to the last general election, in November, 1924, contained a communication from Chairman Berry of the State Committee, giving notice to the voters of Texas, warning all voters that any voter who voted in the Democratic primaries of that year and voted for the Republican candidate for Governor, would be barred from voting in the Democratic primaries of 1926. The office is now filled by Mr. Edison of Hamilton. He promises that the decision will be given out from the committee's meeting in Wichita Falls, June 14. The decision of former Chairman Berry should be endorsed; otherwise, Texas voters will have the same hard work to go through again.
J. J. JOHNSON.
Uvalde, Texas.

GOVERNOR FERGUSON'S CHALLENGE TO PARDON CRITICS

Governor Miriam A. Ferguson in her platform upon which she asks re-election as governor of Texas, defends her pardon record and challenges her critics to a showdown of just which particular pardon they object to having issued. She denounces wholesale and reckless criticism and calls for specifications, to which the public is entitled. Elsewhere her full platform is published in this issue of the Forum but her declaration upon the pardon matter is of sufficient merit to warrant being reproduced here.

The governor invites closest scrutiny into her pardon record and hurls this challenge at the pretended followers of the Savior, who preached mercy and tolerance and commissioned His followers to go and do likewise. When a preacher criticizes the practice of mercy he repudiates the Son of God whose supposed representative he is and defiles the pulpit he preaches in.

Here is what Governor Ferguson has to say to her critics:

"The charge is made that I have been controlled by malignant sentiment in the issuance of pardons. In answer to this I invite a careful inspection of my official record and the figures here given. This record shows that in nearly every case it was my official duty to exercise the pardon power in the manner in which I did. To sum up this whole pardon situation I want to here and now issue a challenge to those who think they are running for governor to take my whole pardon record of 1,715 executive clemency proclamations and let them point out to the people of Texas just what pardons they want to criticize and what objections they have to the official reasons which I have stated as a cause for my action in issuing the pardon. My pardon record is either right or wrong and the people are entitled to know just what pardons should not have been issued, and I trust that they will not let any candidate for governor deceive them by wholesale denunciation without a detail of facts."

Is that clear, gentlemen? Now get down to facts and specifications when you set out upon a campaign of criticism. The record is written and the people are entitled to know what the record says.

GOVERNOR TO BE RE-ELECTED AND RULE OF 52 YEARS NOT TO BE BROKEN, WRITER SAYS

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Parker House Rolls
Royal "Ma" Salad Macedoine Fruit
Hearts of Celery Tomatoes an Natural
Sweet Jerkins Green Olives
Boston Cream Pie
Strawberry Ice Cream
Cake Coffee
Music by the Cotton Blossom
Serenaders
"Ye Prison Printer"
The card of invitation, which was required to be presented at the prison gate was enclosed in a neat cover bound with ribbon and read as follows:

"Your presence is requested at a banquet on the Prison Lawn, Tuesday, 7 p. m., to be given in honor of her Excellency Governor Miriam A. Ferguson, Honorable Jas. E. Ferguson, and their daughter, Miss Dorraee. "Reception Committee."

Mrs. Slayden, Widow of Ex-Congressman, San Antonio, Dead

San Antonio, Tex., April 28.—Mrs. Ellen Hairy Slayden, aged 65, originator of the battle of flowers as a San Jacinto celebration here, died April 28. She was the widow of former Congressman James L. Slayden.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Ferguson Forum is authorized to announce the following candidates for the offices listed before their names, subject to the action of the democratic primaries to be held Saturday, July 24, 1926:

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J. R. BAILL, of Travis County

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PLATFORM OF GOV. MIRIAM A. FERGUSON, WHO IS A CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION

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state of Texas and who enjoyed the confidence of the best people of the communities from which they came. In the course of time it appears that a controversy arose in that department over the price contracted for certain construction and many serious charges were made against the Commission. Public feeling ran so high that two members of the Commission felt it their duty to tender me their resignations. Although none of the charges has been sustained and has not been proven even to this date, yet I thought it best to accept the resignations and if possible quiet the criticism and restore confidence in the administration of that important branch of the State Government. I appointed two other Commissioners to take the place of those resigned and the Commission thus reorganized is working conscientiously to solve the problems of road construction and maintenance which is the largest activity of the Government.

The former Commission might have made its mistakes. Many serious charges were made against it. I asked this Commission for an explanation of its actions. That explanation was given and the Commission sought my assistance and asked me to appoint attorneys to represent the Commission so that it might go into court and answer the charges and the litigation which had been instigated by the Attorney General. The Attorney General for reasons not necessary here to discuss denied the right of the Commission to plead its own defense in a court of justice and therefore no individual or Commissioner should be condemned in the minds of any honest man or woman as long as they have been denied the right to plead in their own self defense and face their accusers. For five long months the Grand Jury of Travis County has investigated under special instructions from the Court the charges against the Highway Commission, and the Grand Jury has reported in answer to said special instructions that there had been no violation of the law. In view of this fact I am not afraid of the fair minded people of Texas condemning me for my action in the premises in connection with this much discussed controversy.

This department has been hampered by unnecessary litigation which is yet maintained in the courts, and until this litigation is dismissed I want the people to know that this Commission can not attain its highest function and perform its duty to the people. The new Commission is hampered by continued litigation and threatened litigation while many worthy road projects suffer for want of the full attention of the Highway Department. That this litigation is prompted more by political ambition than patriotic motives is quite evident to any one who wants to know the facts.

For the more equitable maintenance of the Highway Department I am in favor of increasing the salary of the Commissioners from \$2500.00 a year to \$5000.00 a year and requiring the Commissioners to give all of their time to the duties of the office. I am in favor of the tax on automobiles being reduced at least one-third and all of the sum derived therefrom to be retained by the counties for the construction and upkeep of all county roads not designated as State Highways. Then for the construction and maintenance of state designated highways I am in favor of the levy of a gasoline tax of three cents a gallon, one-fourth of which sum derived therefrom would go to the schools as now provided. With one million cars which Texas will soon have consuming an average of five hundred gallons of gasoline per year, less one-fourth to the school, would yield a fund of eleven and a quarter million dollars for the maintenance and construction of designated state highways. Added to this would be Federal aid amounting to some five million dollars which would make a grand total of \$16,000,000.00 for the construction and upkeep of designated state highways.

I ask the people to call upon all candidates for the Legislature to state their position on the gasoline tax. I think this tax is just and correct for the reason that it makes those who use the roads the most pay the most, as in justice it should be. Motor busses and commercial trucks should be firmly regulated and taxed in proportion to the special privilege which they take and enjoy.

THE PENITENTIARY SYSTEM

I promised the people if elected to use my best efforts to make the penitentiary system self sustaining. That promise has been kept and the operation of the prison farms for 1925 shows a gain of \$235,797.75. At the beginning of my term I appointed one Commissioner and recently I have appointed a second member. As I promised the people, my administration now being placed in control of the system, the system will hereafter show a substantial financial gain while I continue to exercise the humane policy toward the unfortunate convicts. During my administration an attempt was made to pass a bill to sell all of the prison farms and to relocate the State Prison within seventy-five miles of Austin. I vetoed this bill. To undertake to sell the 80,000 acres of land now owned by the prison system and buy even half that amount of land within seventy-five miles of Austin would cost the taxpayers of this state not less than \$10,000,000.00. The loss would come in the small price that the state would receive for the lands now already occupied by the system and in the high price the state would have to pay for lands upon which to relocate the prison. The state now has buildings suitable only for convict purposes which has cost the state more than \$1,000,000.00, and it would cost \$2,000,000.00 additional to erect buildings sufficient and comfortable to take their place. Therefore in order that no voter may be deceived as to my attitude I here now state that I shall oppose any attempt to remove the present prison location. Let those who advocate its removal name the price and the place to which it is possible to remove the system.

LABOR

I believe in the freedom and the dignity of labor. I am glad the day has come when those who labor with muscle and brawn are the social and moral equal of those who labor with brains. Honest toil now has the respect of the civilized world. Likewise the freedom of labor to organize for the promotion

and protection of the individual rights of the laboring masses to secure reasonable hours for labor and safe places for life and limb is one of the greatest achievements of this age. While I recognize the right of the individual laborer to contract in his individual capacity with whomsoever he may, yet I am a great believer in the virtue of mutual co-operation and labor organization, and I think every laborer should join some union to more effectively bring about the best results.

As Governor I have appointed a member of organized labor to the office of Labor Commissioner as head of the labor department. I shall ask the incoming legislature for a larger appropriation to carry on the growing demand of this part of the Government. During my first year in office fifty-eight employment agency licenses have been issued and the state free employment service acting in conjunction with the Federal Employment Service has been successful beyond the wildest dreams of those who first conceived this character of service. The field force consisting of four men and two women have made 2,988 inspections of different establishments in which were employed 118,647 males and 68,640 females located in over 346 cities and towns of the State.

The Labor Department is now performing a great work assisting the farming interests of the state in the distribution of farm labor, especially in the cotton picking season. It shall be my intention to further develop and encourage this field of Government activity until the Labor Department shall become, as it should be, one of the most important parts of the State Government.

INVESTMENT OF CAPITAL

It has been the hope of Texas to pass such laws and have such administration of its financial affairs as will promote the investment of foreign capital within our borders. It was with this idea in mind that I announced my candidacy for Governor mainly upon the promise to reduce taxes so that outside investors might come to Texas without the fear of oppression by excessive taxation. The action of the legislature in connection with my department in redeeming this promise to the people has undoubtedly had a wholesome effect upon the outside world. The records of the Secretary of State show a most healthy growth in the way of foreign and domestic investment. The receipts of the Secretary of State's office for filing of domestic and foreign charters and permit for the first year of my administration are \$1,435,547.19, which is \$213,000.00 more than the highest amount that has ever been received in this office in any preceding year. There have been filed in this office charters of domestic corporations to the number of 2,134, aggregating a total capital stock of \$630,000,000.00. More astounding than this I might announce a lesson in Fergusonism by stating that there have been filed and approved 292 applications by foreign corporations for permits to do business in Texas with a total capitalization of \$1,760,992,000.00. This represents a sum equal to all the applications by foreign corporations to do business in Texas for the past fifty years. At last the world has turned its eyes on Texas and from every land and clime people to the amount of 200,000 a year are coming to Texas with millions of dollars for investment.

EDUCATION

I am in favor of education, high and low. The growth of popular education of the masses is the foundation which makes higher education along sane and economical lines a pressing necessity. I am in favor of a system of public free schools that will insure not only a six months school term as provided for in the Constitution, but I think it ought to be at least seven months in the lower grades and eight months in the higher grades. I am unequivocally in favor of the legislature making appropriations to supplement the free school fund so as to insure a \$15.00 per capita apportionment to every child in the scholastic age. I am in favor of the building of county high schools where ever needed and to relieve the growing and congested conditions of our higher institutions of learning, I am in favor of an appropriation to build and equip at least six junior colleges in Texas during my next administration. I am quite well aware that this will call for additional taxation to meet the appropriations necessary for these purposes. To obtain this revenue I would tax the luxuries which the people enjoy and I would not favor additional taxation on lands and city real estate. This class of property is already overburdened and should be relieved of what is now an unequal distribution of the tax burden. It may be instructive to call attention to the fact that the land acreage of Texas bears already 40 per cent of the total amount collected in taxes for ad valorem purposes. Town and city real estate bears 28 per cent, leaving only 32 per cent paid by all other classes of property in Texas. Any further increase in taxation upon real estate will fall heavily upon those who rent land or houses in town or city in increased charges which will be sure to follow. A very small tax on cigars and manufactured cigarettes will produce sufficient money to carry out the educational program which I have outlined. The records indicate that there is consumed in Texas each year 2,061,236,000 cigars and a tax of one cent on each cigar will produce \$2,612,365.00. In addition to this there is consumed in Texas 3,000,000,000 manufactured cigarettes and a tax of one cent on each package of twenty will yield a revenue of one and a half million dollars. This tax would be so widely distributed and fall so lightly upon any one person that no complaint could be made against the levy of the tax for the laudable purpose of popular education. I shall urge this plan upon the legislature.

I am in favor of an equitable adjustment of the University Fund between the main University and A. & M. College. The state has committed itself to the permanent maintenance of both of these institutions and therefore the amount of the permanent revenue should be determined to prevent further confusion. I have suggested the investment of the permanent university fund in bonds of the State so that the university might receive the highest interest for its fund and that fund then be made available for any additional education program which the legislature may determine.

I am in favor of increasing the Board of Directors of the

College of Industrial Arts from six to nine as is provided for the other higher institutions of the state.

GAME, FISH AND OYSTER DEPARTMENT

The Game, Fish and Oyster Department is being conducted upon lines of efficiency and economy. The game fund has been increased over previous administrations and at the same time the operating expenses have shown a saving of approximately \$20,000.00 a year. The department is giving close attention to the enforcement of the pollution law and to the erection of new fish hatcheries and to the establishment of game preserves in different sections of the state. The Government acknowledges the great aid and co-operation in the activities of this department to the Isaak Walton League, an organization fostered and supported by the sportsmen of the state.

BANKING DEPARTMENT

I am not a banker, but the bankers of the state are loud in their praise of the administration of the banking department and it is not denied that the banking situation has shown marked improvement during this administration.

RECLAMATION AND IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT

The work of the Reclamation Department and the Board of Water Engineers is being conducted along broad and liberal lines and thousands of acres of land are being reclaimed by levee projects and preparation for the irrigation of extended areas is receiving the careful attention of the Board of Water Engineers. Both of these departments will soon become decidedly important in the matter of reclamation and conservation to which I dedicate my administration.

TICK ERADICATION

One of the greatest problems that has confronted this administration was the matter of tick eradication. Before assuming office I called a meeting of representative people of the cattle industry and asked a free discussion of views and opinions upon the question of tick eradication. As a result of that conference which was attended by many prominent business men and ranchmen throughout the state, a law was passed by the legislature which in a great measure solved many of the difficulties of this branch of the government service. As a result of that law the cattle men of East Texas have been relieved from the arbitrary and compulsory act of dipping cattle, and likewise the same advantages have accrued to the cattlemen of Southwest Texas, and both sections are now permitted to go to market from infested areas upon one dipping of the animal. In addition to this the law has provided for protection of the herds in what is known as the clean territory of the state and rigid rules are enforced by the Livestock Sanitary Commission to prevent reinfestation in those counties and sections where the people desire to permanently eradicate the tick.

In bringing about these conditions I want to give special mention and render thanks to the co-operation given by the Cattle Raisers Association of Texas and its officers.

ELEEMOSYNARY INSTITUTIONS

The distinct pride of the people of Texas is the desire upon the part of our entire citizenship to provide for our unfortunate wards who suffer under the affliction of mental and bodily infirmities. No state or nation can lay claim to the title of civilization until it meets the demand and needs of the unfortunate. I am glad to say that during this administration every insane person has been taken out of jail and provided a proper asylum of care and attention. All of our eleemosynary institutions are performing their function with care and attention. This administration has appropriated approximately \$2,000,000.00 for new buildings for the care and housing of our unfortunate wards. I shall urge the next legislature to increase the capacity of the State Orphan Home fifty per cent. I shall urge the erection of a new insane asylum situated in the vicinity of Sweetwater for easy access and use to West Texas. I shall urge the legislature to double the capacity of our tubercular colony at Carlsbad. These items may call for additional appropriations but I am sure the legislature will gladly meet the situation.

FERGUSONISM

While some are so insistent on talking about the claim of Fergusonism let me give the figures that might be instructive to those who seek to create the idea that Fergusonism has not been for the best interest of the state.

Texas was admitted to the Union in 1845 and from that time down to the election of my husband as Governor was a span of seventy years. During this period there were many Governors, from Anson Jones to Jim Ferguson. During this entire seventy years the state spent for public buildings paid for by appropriation, including insane asylum, deaf and blind asylum, tubercular colonies, normal schools and educational institutions, and other state buildings, not including the state Capitol building, the sum of \$8,146,000.00. During the two biennial years in which Jim Ferguson was Governor the state spent \$7,606,000.00 for the same purposes. During my administration the state has spent for the same purposes \$3,719,000.00 which added to the Jim Ferguson administration is more than \$11,000,000.00 for the building program as against a little over \$8,000,000.00 under the administration of all the other Governors in Texas combined, and this was done without any great increase in taxes during Jim Ferguson's administration and with a decrease in taxes during my administration.

And bear in mind this does not include country school houses of which Jim Ferguson built more than any other dozen Governors all put together. If Fergusonism be treason then make the most of it.

THE COURTS

I have endeavored to appoint competent Judges to the Commission of Civil and Criminal Appeals to assist in the work of the Judges of the higher courts elected by the people. I am

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Invention May Prove Solution of Women's Problems in Clothes

Seattle, Wash., April 28.—A multi-color electrical impress invented by Justus C. Zubil, an engineer in the Puget Sound navy yard at Bremerton Wash., to print any color on any surface, is among the inventions to be shown at the national inventors' exposition in Portland, Ore., June 17 to 19.

A woman wearing a white dress may step into a department store and without removing the dress have it changed to red for the afternoon and go back and have it made blue for the evening, the inventor contends.

This machine may be taken into a home and in a few minutes change the design of a rug or the color of the wall paper. Plain glass windows may be given fancy designs. Advertising signs and billboards which take painters days to make might be painted with this machine in a few minutes, Zubil asserts.

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Now, here is my scheme to stop speech making. A Bill reading as follows: "Congressional Record must not only contain speech, but number of members, and names who listened to speech, and why." For instance: "Congressman Post Hole arose to a point of information and spoke at length on, 'Is Locarno a town, or is it a Treaty?' Length of speech, without waiting for applause, four hours, thirty-six minutes; attendance, Gout (Rep. N. Y.): 'Unable to get out.' Sixty-fourty (Dem. N. J.): 'Case of reciprocity, he listened to mine.' Low-brow (Rep. Mass.): 'I was asleep, even the good speakers haven't woke me up.'

Now I claim that will stop some speech making. The minute it gets back home that "Lemmie" is talking to himself up there, "Lemmie" will stop talking.

You know why they won't listen to anybody up there? They have gone out to smoke, that's why, and you know why they've gone out to smoke? Why, "Bull" Durham, of course. IT'S BETTER THAN ANY SPEECH EVER MADE.

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Stephenville, Tex., April 26.—W. W. Bennett, superintendent of the Center public schools and candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction spoke here Saturday to a large crowd. Mr. Bennett said in part: "Before the school bells ring again in September you will be called on to select a new State Superintendent of Public Instruction in Texas. Other selections may attract more attention but none of your selections can be more important.

"It is a well settled fact among those who study school affairs and understand our imperfect school system and its progress, or I might say, non-progress the last four years, that Texas is ready for a change in educational leadership.

"No vain ambition or selfish purpose prompts me to be a candidate. Neither is it for fame or the name of being state superintendent that I seek the office. It is not alone the honor of the office that lures me, but the desire, through the power which the office provides, to render that same service that prompted us to go overseas and some of the boys to give all they had and remain in Flanders field. If I should shrink I should not be the true American I try to teach my boys and girls to be."

"30" Is Written For T. A. Fowler, Veteran Printer, Aged 83

Waco, Texas, April 23.—T. A. Fowler, 83, who worked on the Waco Tribune thirty years ago and who was also a veteran of the Houston Post and Galveston News, died Sunday afternoon at Baptist Sanitarium after an illness of two weeks. He came to Texas in 1853. A thirty-second degree Mason, he became a charter member of Holland Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Houston; of the Houston Typographical Union, Local No. 85, and of Dick Dowling Camp, Confederate Veterans, Houston.

He has made his home in Eddy the last fourteen years. Four children survive, all in New Orleans, James H., William M. and B. D. Fowler and Mrs. R. C. Biersall.

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Platform of Governor Miriam A. Ferguson, Candidate for Re-Election

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glad to say that today the work of the higher courts is nearer up with its business than it has been in a quarter of a century.

PUBLIC HEALTH

There is no more important function of the government than promoting and protecting the public health of the people.

The health department is making special study of and giving special consideration to the treatment of preventable and contagious diseases. Birth and death records are being rapidly completed.

Careful attention and inspection is being given the matter of pure milk supply. The proper construction of sewerage disposal plants is one of special study by the present state health officer and assistants. This department I believe will be found efficient.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

The Adjutant General's department is the chief law enforcement department of the state government. It controls the Ranger force which functions largely in time of peace, and controls the National Guard of Texas, which is the strong arm of defense for the state and nation in time of war.

The Texas National Guard now numbers 8,127 officers and men. This administration has entered upon an active campaign of armory construction for the proper housing of the forces and all necessary equipment.

Free donation of 1200 acres has been secured at Palacios on the coast for a permanent training camp, and an appropriation of \$230,000.00 has been secured from the Federal Government for permanent and necessary improvements and buildings. The Federal Government will add to this from time to time and establish one of the largest training camps in the country.

Texas now ranks fifth in National Guard strength in the United States.

The administration has arranged for the location of state headquarters of the American Legion in state buildings at Austin. More room, however, is needed and I am in favor of special provision being made by the legislature for proper and adequate quarters for this organization. These boys gladly and freely gave their services to their country, and when their country called and the tocsin of war was sounded, there were but few and very few that plead exemptions and fewer still there were that had to be offered induction into service to make them defend the flag. Therefore for this noble service the state can do no less than provide ample quarters for the comfort and conveniences of the great American Legion organization of Texas.

SUMMARY

Thus, in conclusion, have I rendered an account of my stewardship to the great people of Texas who have elected me as their Governor. Deeply appreciative and profoundly grateful for the honor bestowed I submit this record in defense of my candidacy for re-election.

MIRIAM A. FERGUSON.

Five Women in Band of 11 by Which Girl of 20 Was Flogged

Cape Girardeau, Mo., April 22.—Eleven persons including five women, have been placed under arrest at Caruthersville in connection with an investigation of the flogging there of a 10-year-old girl.

Smith Peter and his wife, members of the Pentecostal cult, are charged by authorities with being leaders of the gang, which in the main, was made up of members of this organization. It is charged that according to the story told authorities, the young woman was taken from a field near Tyler where she was engaged in a conversation with a farmer. She was taken in an automobile two miles away and given a severe beating.

On the following night, while two men were taking the girl to Caruthersville to appear before the prosecuting attorney, the same parties according to the charges, stopped them on the highway and forced them to surrender the girl. Later the girl was released and went to the home of a friend several miles away where she is being held for safety.

Sheriff J. H. Smith, with several deputies, arrested the 11 taking a revolver from one man. Charges of felonious assault were filed against each and all were released for their appearance at a preliminary hearing.

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Moody's Friend Gets News From Bell County Man on Slim Prospect for Daniel

Ralph R. Ogden, of Austin, formerly engaged in business in Bartlett, evidently did not give due thought to the sterling democracy of the Killingsworth family of Prairie Dell when he wrote an urgent appeal to Will Killingsworth, son of J. H. Killingsworth, Old Confederate veteran, whose immediate family in 1924 gave Mrs. Ferguson 26 votes and will give her this year 29.

Mr. Ogden recently addressed a letter to Will Killingsworth appealing for support for his friend, Dan Moody, and in his answer Mr. Killingsworth challenges Ogden's statement that state funds are being or have been dissipated under the present administration and assures Mr. Ogden that he and a great majority of farmers like himself, are entirely satisfied with the manner in which the affairs of the state are being handled. Here is the letter of Mr. Ogden:

"Austin, Texas, April 17, 1926.

"Mr. Will Killingsworth, Prairie Dell, Texas.
"Dear Will: You are no doubt familiar with the situation in Austin as pertains to the office of governor, and I do not believe you approve of a condition where the revenues of the state have been so dissipated in the rewarding of political friends as has been practiced by the present administration.

"To my mind, Dan Moody is the only man in the race for governor that can defeat the present incumbent, and clean up the present condition in and about the Capitol, and I am appealing to my friends and acquaintances throughout the state that I know are in favor of honest government, to give their untiring support to Dan Moody, and to do everything possible to secure his nomination in the first primary.

"I wish you would write me your views on the political situation in your locality, and suggest any arrangement that might promote Mr. Moody's candidacy.

"I will also appreciate your sending me the addresses of any voters in or out of your county that are outspoken in Mr. Moody's favor.

"Thanking you for your attention in the matter, and awaiting your reply, I am with kindest regards,
"Sincerely yours,
"RALPH R. OGDEN.

"P. S.—Will, we are counting on your kind to put Dan over. R. R. O."

To the above letter Mr. Killingsworth replied as follows: "Salado, Texas, April 20, 1926.

"Mr. Ralph R. Ogden, Austin, Texas.
"My Dear Sir: In reply to yours of the 17th, inst. in regard to the present administration in the office of the Governor, beg to say, that I am familiar with the conditions and do favor a strict, honest administration of the same and being personally acquainted with the present incumbent and closely associated for the past forty years, have all evidence to believe that the same is being handled in the strictest and most economical way that lies within the power of a Governor.

To my mind, being a poor farmer, with a majority of the people of Texas, whose interests have been protected by the present administration and Jim Ferguson there is no desire to make a change.

"I appreciate your confidence in me, as a friend and hope to remain as such, but cannot comply with your request in supporting Dan Moody for Governor. In regard to Mr. Moody's prospects here, will say the majority is for Ma. We can't tell how the Ku Klux will vote yet.

"Your friend,
"WILL KILLINGSWORTH."

'Dips' in Highways Will Be Eliminated By Road Commission

Austin, Tex., April 28.—Elimination of the "highway dips" used in place of culverts as passage over some streams has been ordered by the State Highway Department. Several years will be required before they are all taken out of the state highway system.

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March Gasoline Tax of \$275,552 Added to Treasury Cash

Austin, Tex., April 28.—Gasoline tax collection for March from five of the larger companies amounted to \$275,552. State Comptroller S. H. Terrell announced. The following companies paid the tax: Gulf \$87,867; Magnolia \$74,626; Texas \$63,580; Pierce \$26,343; and Humble \$23,136.

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What a Democrat "Ain't" Is Told By W. R. Bounds

To the Dallas News:
I see several letters and an editorial or two in recent issues of the News treating on the subject of just what it takes to be a democrat. And, as far as I can tell by their reading, none seem to arrive at a very definite conclusion of even the principal tenets of a political democrat; nor do I wish to at this time make an attempt to further elucidate in arriving at any better definition than these here referred to, but I do not think it will require the mind of any great logician or political science scholar to figure out just what a democrat "ain't." Therefore, I make bold to assert that when one claims "ain't" a democrat, regardless of whatever else he may be. This temperament or spirit is akin to the old gambler's maxim of "heads I win and tails you lose."

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Houston, Tex., April 23.—Mrs. Dorothy Henderson, 30, charged with murder in connection with the killing of Malcomb Gregg, 32, here last October, was found guilty by a jury today and was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

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