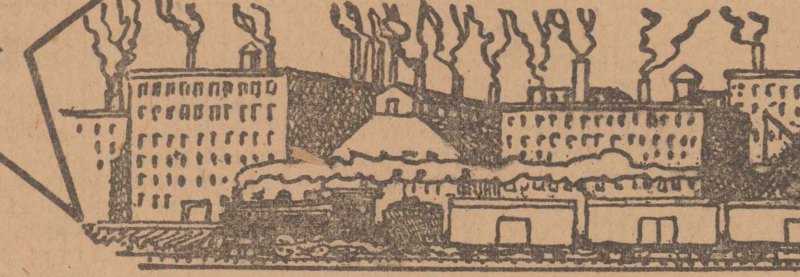


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Veteran of 90 Years, 70 of Them in Texas, Calls Governor Ferguson Best

Editor Forum: I hope you will give me a little space in your good paper to express my opinion and admiration for our great and good governor. I think she was perfectly right in not calling an extra session of the legislature for a blind man can see the object of that clique and clan for an extra call so they could have another chance to institute another kangaroo court of the legislators to try the best governor Texas ever had. We can all see they have surely failed in their rotten schemes in their book case as well as the road case and many others as well.

Listen, tax payers and laborers, I'll tell you something, I am in my 90th year and I have spent seventy years in Texas, four years in Parker county and sixty-six years in Eastland county. There is where you can find my record. My business has been farming and stock raising and in dealing honorably with my fellow man and putting down crime and trying to civilize and Christianize Texas. Now I want to tell you we have the best governor we ever had in the whole seventy years I've lived in Texas and I think I ought to know as I have voted in every single governor's election since 1856. I am proud to say I had a chance to vote for the recognized Father of Texas, General Sam Houston, and now I am about to have the pleasure of voting for the great Mother of Texas. Her conduct shows she is the most Christian-hearted and charitable governor we have ever had within the seventy years I am judge of for I can say we have had reasonably good governors long down the line of seventy years in Texas. I think the most of them hewed to the line but some of them let the big chips fall on the side next to corporations and syndicates and speculators detrimental to the poor man. I want to ask the poor laborer and voter how it was as far back as you can recollect? The penitentiary has been a burden of hundred thousands dollars to the tax payers and as soon as Jim Ferguson got control he put it more than self supporting. How is that? And you know they kangarooed Jim out and put Hobby in Jim's place and the pen flopped back in its old stand a hundred thousands in debt for tax payers to pay. Now again since the good Christian hearted woman got the rule the pen is away ahead again and more money in the treasury this year than ever before in the seventy years of my tax paying. Boys, let's keep her in the seat as long as she lives. How can a good Christian hearted voter turn her down notwithstanding the democratic rule?

But this makes me think of Dan Moody. He made a speech in Eastland not long ago. He had a large picture of himself put up in the City Bank of Eastland. I saw it. It was a nice looking young man. I thought most too young for the great father of the country. I thought it looked like he wanted to do just what he did do as soon as he got back home—he sure got married—well, we old fellows all know how it is with a young lad the first year after getting married he would not be worth a hoot for anything of a public nature such as is required of the governor the first year.

I don't want to pay a young married man's expenses for five months. I have six girls married and two more at home and I have paid their bills so far and I know there is no honest thinking father is willing to swap a good gentle work horse that's been tried for an unbroke broncho and think he can plow him next day. That is the way our government has been run for many years—we have had too many unbroke bronchos to break and the tax payers had to pay for the breaking and furnish everything and never got anything back but a little raise in taxes to the voters and tax payers. Don't you know a full state treasury and a self supporting prison means lighter taxes. Let's knock out the starched collar and run our own business.

W. C. MCGLAUGH,

Eastland, Texas.

Voters Who Ask Moody How He Stands on Search and Seizure Law Are Rebuffed

Voters from Navasota who have written to Dan Moody to ask how he stands with reference to the search and seizure law have been refused information as to his attitude. The attorney general has evaded answering by telling his questioners that Ferguson is trying to make an issue of this law and he will not answer their questions as to his position.

The Houston Chronicle of May 13 publishes a letter addressed to Mefo by three voters of Navasota telling their experience in trying to ascertain Moody's position on the search and seizure law. It is brief but clear and shows that Dan is not disposed to make a declaration on this important question. The communication as it appeared in the Chronicle is as follows:

"Dear Mefo: A good many of us have written Mr. Dan Moody and asked him if he was in favor of the search and seizure law passed by the last legislature; also, would he, if elected governor, veto any bill passed by the legislature repealing this law. Mr. Moody refused to answer the question one way or the other, said that Ferguson was trying to make this matter an issue, and he refused to permit it by answering the question. We, in turn, refuse to vote for any man for governor who is against this law, or who would consent to its repeal. Will you propound this inquiry to all candidates, in order that the voters may know the attitude of the several candidates?"

"With best wishes, we are, Haynes Shannon, P. K. Lott, R. L. Long.
Navasota, Texas, May 15."

Meet Governor Ferguson at Sulphur Springs, Saturday, May 22, when she opens her campaign.

Man Who Appealed From Life Verdict Gets Death Decree

El Paso, Tex., May 15.—Twice convicted and given a life term in the penitentiary for the slaying of N. V. Nixon, a third jury last night sentenced Percy Howard to die in the electric chair. The state court of criminal appeals granted Howard a new

trial in the previous cases. The evidence showed that Howard and W. S. Ham, also under indictment for murder in connection with the slaying, represented themselves as oil men and engaged Nixon to take them on an overland trip through west Texas. Ham testified that Howard killed Nixon with a shovel after digging a hole in the sand in which to bury him. Nixon was killed in September, 1920, and his grave was not found until May, 1923.

200,000 FERGUSON MAJORITY IS FORECAST

Editor Forum: After talking with a strong friend of James E. Ferguson and the present administration, and by the way, an old Confederate veteran, I decided to write the Forum a letter, so here goes. I have known James E. Ferguson since he first ran for governor, in fact, I introduced him in Goliad when he first made his campaign for governor. I was his supporter then and have been his supporter ever since. Also supported Miriam A. Ferguson in her race for the governorship November, 1924, and will support her with heart and strength in the coming election. I knew James E. Ferguson's father, have heard him preach often when I was a little boy. This was while he lived in Victoria, Texas. He was then known all over southwest Texas as the fighting Methodist preacher and James E. Ferguson has proven himself to be by his acts in the last ten years a worthy son of a noble sire.

Notwithstanding the fact that while he was the governor of this imperial state he incurred the animosity of a great many, and among the lot the State University and had for his enemy every little 2x4 politician in the state howling for his impeachment, undaunted he stood as firm as a rock of Gibraltar and fought them to a finish for ten long years, and until victory perched upon his banner in the election of his wife as governor. He is a man after my own heart, and I glory in his courage and steadfastness of purpose. It has been said and well said that "truth is mighty and shall prevail; that times and seasons, yea, the world itself may change, but truth is the same now and forever; that truth crushed to earth shall rise again." This reminds me of a story I read when a little boy. James Fitz James, the king of England, I think it was, undertook incognito to travel alone over and through his domain in order to ascertain the wants and necessities of his then subjects. He undertook to travel thus through Scotland, necessarily he had to pass through a mountainous country. There was only one passage to the territory occupied by Roderick Dhu, a mighty bandit chieftain. He had to pass through a narrow passage between two solid walls of stone on either side many feet in height. As he was about to make his egress upon the land of Roderick Dhu he was abruptly halted by this bandit chieftain. Roderick Dhu placed a small whistle to his mouth and blew an alarm—at once 500 men adherents of Dhu seemingly rose out of the ground and confronted James Fitz James. Nothing daunted he placed his back to the wall, drew his rapier and cried out in a loud voice, "Come one, come all, this rock shall fly from its firm base, as soon as I." Roderick Dhu was so impressed with the manliness and courage of James Fitz James that he offered him safe conduct through his fastness, provided he would fight him with sabers at Gollintogle Ford, the terminus of his domain. James Fitz James, as James E. Ferguson has always, accepted the challenge and was escorted through this wilderness of this bandit chieftain to this ford—there they fought to a finish, and James Fitz James cut down the chieftain and placed his foot upon his neck and was in the very act of making the final stroke when some of the henchmen of James Fitz James rushed across the ford, stayed his arm, arrested this mountain chieftain and bore him upon horseback to the tower of London where he was imprisoned.

I have often thought that there was a great similarity of character between the acts of James E. Ferguson and James Fitz James. James E. Ferguson assailed from without and within politically by quondam friends, who owed their election and various positions to him and who had ridden triumphantly into office upon his platform and after their election and induction into office, Judas Iscariot-like turned upon him and with an assassin-like knife stabbed him in the back and at the same time began a course of slander that the world before has never witnessed and ultimately secured his impeachment by reason of fabrications too contemptible now to mention. But, nothing daunted, James E. Ferguson fought them to a finish for ten long years and ultimately by the almost unanimous support from the boys who live in the forks of the creek (farmers), the powers that be having refused to allow his name placed upon the official ballot, when he told them that his wife would make the race for governor, and his wife, Miriam A. Ferguson, was triumphantly elected governor of this imperial state and now holds that office. As a result not only James E. Ferguson, but his noble wife figuratively have their feet firmly planted upon the necks of their would be adversaries and when the ides of next November roll around and the returns are all in from the boys in the forks of the creek and the farmers you will find that the aspirations of our young attorney general will be defeated by a majority of 200,000 votes and he relegated to private life for trying to be elected by abusing the husband of our present governor.

Our people are not fools, they read the papers and know just how good has been the administration of Miriam A. Ferguson, woman and mother though she be. What has the chivalry of the south come to when a man can be found to run against a woman and has no other weapon than the abuse of her husband? God forbid that another like him may ever be born in this southland of ours. Jealousy was the cause of your impeachment—the little 2x4 politicians conspired to ruin your reputation in order to ruin you politically and they came very near doing it. But "truth crushed to earth will rise again."

I am an old man 83 years of age my last birthday, an old Confederate veteran, was Captain of Company B First Texas volunteer cavalry. What would I have thought if my first lieutenant, my right arm in the late Civil

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More Rebuffs for Moody's Pleas to Ferguson Voters For Support in His Race

The presumption and egotism which prompted Dan Moody to appeal to old time Texas democrats, who vote the ticket straight and follow the traditions and customs of their party, is meeting with rebuffs from these loyal supporters of the Fergusons from every part of the state. Many of the good Ferguson friends, who helped Moody into the attorney general's office, and now are being appealed to by Dan to help against the friends who sponsored him two years ago, are sending copies of their replies to Dan's appeal to the Forum and another series of these replies is being presented in these columns this week. Here they are:

Asks "Fighting Dan" His Record.

Abilene, Texas, May 10th, 1926.

Honest Daniel J. Moody,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Old Honest Dan: Your letter stating that my name had been sent to you by a mutual friend, and asking my support, has been forwarded to me here; and I hasten to reply that there may be no disappointment on your part.

I notice you state that circumstances which could not have been foreseen have placed you in the field. At Taylor the other night, according to press reports, one of the speakers stated that he promised the people of your county in a big meeting there in last election that nothing but he will of God could keep you out of the governor's chair, and that he was glad to repeat it. But in your speech which was set up three days before you recited it you stated that it never occurred to you to run for governor and that you had reached your highest ambition in the Attorney General's office, but that you had observed Lynch for over six months, and did not believe him to be as honest and capable as you, and then after waiting for months you decided that no man in Texas would offer that would measure up to your standard of honesty and therefore, you were forced into this race. You ought to change that red sticker sent me to read "Dan's AN HONEST MAN," so that everybody would know that they are dealing with a great exponent of honesty.

In your letter you state in offering the people of Texas an opportunity to vote for you you are giving them "an opportunity for the re-establishment of public confidence in government to a greater degree today than it has any time in the past." The opportunity to vote for Sam Houston, Jim Hogg, and the many illustrious governors of the past, did not offer such an opportunity as voting for you. I notice that you use the personal pronoun "I" approximately 200 times in your speech at Taylor, and your consuming egotism is further illustrated by the fact that you use your picture to identify the usual return direction on the envelope instead of your name and address; and your name and address; and your picture, including that on the envelope, was found in three different places in the letter I received.

I notice today in a dispatch sent out from your headquarters and printed in the papers that your picture was headlined in a paper in Paris, France, being the only picture of a candidate for governor ever printed in Paris, and that no one was able to account for the way it got over there. Evidently, it was easier to get your picture in the papers in France than to get you in the battles in France. And by the way I see your publicity agent refers to you repeatedly as "Old Red Headed Fighting Dan Moody" as printed in the Post-Dispatch, and please write me the number of battles you fought in during the World war.

And about this fighting business: I notice that Oscar is in a fighting mood, also, and I want to know, why Oscar is so interested in your fighting quality, for if I remember correctly, no one was louder in denouncing and abusing our revered war president during the war than your man Oscar that is now running you. And that is what beat him in the race against Culberson, and that same spirit will beat you in this race.

And further on this fighting business, will you fight to protect the sanctity of the home by enforcing the "Search and Seizure law" and the "Anti Mask Law," or do you want to "re-establish confidence" by going back to the days of river-bottom trial, tar and feathers, the mask, and the disgraceful conduct of the people that are now supporting you to a man in every precinct in Texas? Just go into any precinct in Texas and enquire, and you will find that this bunch is for you to a man. There is not a man in Texas who ever engaged in a river-bottom whipping or the brutal beating of some defenseless woman or boy that is not fighting for you. And come to think about it, you keep talking about enforcing the law when you were district attorney. Now, you know that the people over there made you prosecute those criminals, and you had the assistance of the best lawyers in Texas, and the man who is now associating you with God was one of your best assistants in that fight.

But, you are indeed fortunate in being such a wonderful fighter, for you now have a bear-cat fight on your hands in

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GOVERNOR FERGUSON TO SPEAK AT SAN ANTONIO ON MAY 27

Governor Miriam A. Ferguson will address the citizens of San Antonio Thursday, May 27, at 8 o'clock in the evening in the new municipal auditorium, in the interest of her candidacy for re-election. She will be accompanied to San Antonio by Former Governor James E. Ferguson, who also will have something to say in connection with the issues of the campaign and the record of the administration since January, 1925.

The handsome new San Antonio auditorium is in the heart of the city, is spacious, comfortable and convenient and a large audience is expected to hear the governor.

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IF INDEPENDENT OF PARTY, THEN LEAVE IT

This is the advice given by W. E. Doyle, of Teague, to so-called independents who are seeking to find a pretext through which to bolt the nominee of the democratic primaries again this year. Mr. Doyle is a Confederate veteran, a democrat and a patriotic citizen. In a communication addressed to the Dallas News he comments upon a communication from R. T. Paige, of Dallas and advises Mr. Paige and those who think as he does, to cease claiming to be democrats and quit the party whose nominees they will not support.

Mr. Doyle is not supporting Mrs. Ferguson in the primary but makes it emphatic that he will support the nominee of that primary. Following is an extract from his letter:

"Mr. R. T. Paige of Glasgow Drive, Dallas, seems to be, or thinks he is, an independent American citizen. If he is an independent as he thinks he is, he ought to be independent enough to stay out of the democratic primaries. As to parties Mr. Paige may be a political nonentity—an independent. Or he may be a Democrat if his man is nominated and a Republican if he is not. There can be no party organization, party strength or party respectability unless its members are willing to take the party pledge and vote for its nominees. No one has to do this unless he wants to; but if he does and then votes for a Republican he is nothing more or less than a political renegade and should be excluded from participation in the Democratic primaries.

"This new doctrine of 'State first' is all pure rot. Two years ago I voted for Lynch Davidson in the primary and for Mrs. Ferguson in November because she was the party nominee. If I live I will vote for Lynch Davidson again in July and for the nominee in November, whoever he or she may be."

This letter of this gallant old Confederate also furnishes a pertinent answer to B. S. Davidson, of Denton, who repeats his request for a definition of a democrat. The Denton man boasts of scratching the ticket and indicates he may do so again. Mr. Doyle's letter leaves no chance to doubt what course a real democrat will pursue.

IS THE KLAN IN POLITICS?

As usual the kluxers are unable to refrain from boasting of their political activity. While Hiram Evans, imperial wizard, says the klan is not in politics he tells his audiences that he knows how they are going to vote, the suggestion being that the kluxers in their klaverns and klonciliums have selected candidates and that klansmen will be expected to vote for them.

Out at Abilene the imperial wizard made a speech which proves that the klan still is in politics although there is not an avowed klansman in the race for governor this year. The wizard said:

"I don't want to talk to you about the governor's race. If you haven't got sense enough to know who to vote for, then I don't want to talk to you. I know what you are going to do, and so do you, and, boys, we will all shake hands when he gets there."

There is no mistaking the meaning of this utterance and intelligent men and women will not be fooled by statements that the klan is out of politics.

CASES THAT HAVE BEEN LOST

The Baid Star does not seem enthused over the boastful claims of the candidate for governor who assumes title to all the honesty in office. Commenting upon the record of the attorney general's office the Star has this to say:—

"Dan Moody lost another case, the suit of the American Book company. The other one was the Archer County Road Case in the Federal Supreme Court and the Book Company in the State Supreme Court. The only case Dan has won of any importance was against the American Construction Company and that was a compromise suit in which the company got away with handsome profits by relieving the company of a second course of treatment. This was the case in which Dan and his friends claim that he saved the state six hundred thousand dollars. That six hundred thousand dollars seems to have vanished like a vision of a summer dream when the contract were recently let to complete the work the compromise suit relieved the A. C. C. from completing. That and other suits put Dan into the gubernatorial race, but will it make him governor? Not if he loses a few more suits he institutes to confirm his title as 'trust bustler.'"

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San Antonio will give Governor Ferguson a great welcome Thursday, May 27.

The Teapot scandal again is simmering and fresh court action is about to be taken.

Cotton planting and grain cutting are keeping the Texas farmers too busy for them to spare time for political discussion.

The Forum is carrying the gospel of truth all over Texas and those who wish to know what the politicians are doing should read it every week.

The Texas small grain crop is said to be the best known in many years and in some places farmers are talking of a yield of 100 bushels an acre.

The campaign of Governor Miriam A. Ferguson opens Saturday at Sulphur Springs and thousands will hear the exact truth about her administration.

If the invention of an engineer in the Navy yard at Bremerston, Wash., comes up to his claims the problem of many changes in the colors of women's costumes will be solved. According to the inventor of what he calls a multicolor electrical impress, 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 to blue for the evening if later she decides that red is not wanted. With this machine, the inventor says, the design of rugs, wall paper and window glass may be changed in a few minutes.

An Austrian girl, adept in fencing, challenged a fencer of the male sex to mortal combat because of his slurring remarks about girl fencers. He accepted and with his seconds repaired to the field of honor to which later came his challenger. The man was stripped to his waist and demanded that his antagonist, in accordance with rules and custom, strip in the same way. Her modesty caused her to refuse, and the duel was called off although there was no reconciliation. The girl left the field in tears because she could not avenge the fancied insult to her sex.

CALLS ON CANDIDATES TO GIVE POSITION ON SEARCH AND SEIZURE

That candidates should be called upon to declare themselves on the search and seizure law is the opinion of the Coleman Democrat-Voice expressed in a recent editorial. The Democrat-Voice quotes from Governor Miriam A. Ferguson's platform that plank announcing her support of the search and seizure law and adds:

"The above paragraph is taken from the political platform promulgated by Governor Miriam A. Ferguson. It is an indication that the governor's campaign this year will revolve around the 'Search and Seizure Law' passed by the last legislature and approved by the lady governor. It will be more interesting and demand more consideration because it has been assailed by the Rev. Atticus Webb. It has also been condemned by the West Texas Peace Officer's Association. Regardless of this outstanding opposition the man that offers for office on a platform endorsing the law and protecting the sanctity of the home and making it safe to travel over the highways of Texas will be the choice of the people. The rank and file of Texas voters will not willingly place into the hands of officers the right to invade their castles for any reason and no cause. Voters will do well to demand a clear statement from office seekers in this matter."

RELIGION AND THE LAW

(Houston Chronicle)

The question of Sunday observance is one that will not down. Those who advocate Sunday laws never rest, and unfortunately, their zeal rapidly develops into fanaticism and intolerance.

There are now four drastic bills before congress regarding Sunday observance in the District of Columbia, and those responsible for their introduction avow the purpose to have the same kind of bills introduced in every state legislature.

The Chronicle does not believe such bills should ever become laws, because they are in direct conflict with the Constitution.

It yields to none in its respect and reverence for Sunday, but it does not believe that all or any form of innocent amusements should be forbidden on that day.

The movement is declared to be in the interest of religion, and with religion the law has nothing to do, except to secure every citizen in his rights to worship in peace and without being disturbed. It can compel no man to go to church or to support any place of public worship. The constitution so expressly declares.

The first two quotations below will set forth the constitutional provisions relating to the question, and the others will show what statesmen and great preachers have had to say. The first words of the first amendment to the Federal Constitution, of which Thomas Jefferson was the author, are: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

In the Bill of Rights, a part of the Texas Constitution, it is written:

"Freedom in Religious Worship Guaranteed: All men have a natural right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own conscience. No man shall be compelled to attend, erect or support any place of worship, or to maintain any ministry against his consent. No human authority ought, in any case whatever, to control or interfere with the rights of conscience in matters of religion, and no preference shall ever be given by law to any religious society or mode of worship. But it shall be the duty of the legislature to pass such laws as may be necessary to protect equally every religious denomination in the peaceable enjoyment of its own mode of public worship."

George Washington said: "Every man who conducts himself as a good citizen, is accountable alone to God for his religious faith, and should be protected in worshiping God according to the dictates of his own conscience."—(Reply to the Baptists of Virginia, 1789).

James Madison said: "Religion is not in the purview of human government. Religion is essentially distinct from government and exempt from its cognizance. A connection between them is injurious to both."—(Letter to Edward Everett, 1823).

John Calvin, the most rigid of the orthodox, said: "Keep the Lord's Day unless men in authority command you to keep it; then break it as an evidence of your liberty."

Here is what two great preachers have said: Alexander Campbell, who founded a branch of the Protestant church which covers the nation, said:

"There is not a precept in the New Testament to compel by civil law any man who is not a Christian to pay any regard to the Lord's Day, any more than to any other day. Therefore, to compel a man who is not a Christian to pay any regard to the Lord's Day, more than to any other day, is without the authority of the Christian religion."

"The Gospel commands no duty which can be performed without faith in God. 'Whatever is not of faith is sin.' But to compel men destitute of faith to observe any Christian institution, such as the Lord's Day, is commanding a duty to be performed without faith in God."

"Therefore, to command unbelievers, or natural men, to observe in any sense the Lord's Day, is anti-evangelical, or contrary to the Gospel."—(Memoirs, Vol. 1, p. 528).

Rt. Rev. W. T. Manning, bishop of the Episcopal church in New York, a man of exalted Christian character, says:

"This proposed campaign for stricter Sunday laws is one of those well-meant but misguided efforts which do harm instead of good to the cause they are intended to serve. It is impracticable, wrong in principle, and based on a narrow and imperfect conception of the Christian religion. It would do far more to drive religion out of the hearts of the people than to draw them toward it. We have no right to try to compel religious observance of Sunday by law."—(Quoted in the Outlook, December 8, 1920).

The late Charles H. Spurgeon of London was by many declared to be the greatest preacher in the world. His fame as a preacher circled the globe.

He said: "I am ashamed of some Christians because they have so much dependence in parliament and the law of the land.... As to the getting of the law of the land to touch our religion, we say 'Hands off, leave us alone.' Your Sunday bills and all other forms of act-of-parliament religion seem to me to be all wrong. Give us a fair field and no favor and our faith has no cause to fear. Christ wants no help from Caesar."

Chief Justice Clark of North Carolina, one of the most distinguished jurists in the United States, said in the course of an opinion:

"In the New Testament we shall look in vain for any requirement to observe Sunday. The Old Testament commanded the observance of the Sabbath, and it designated Saturday, not Sunday, as the day of rest. What religion and morality permit or forbid to be done on Sunday is not within our province to decide."—(North Carolina Reports, Vol. cxxxv, pp. 508-515.)

As an expert lumberman Lynch Davidson ought to be able to identify his timber property and Lynch says Dan Moody has swiped many planks from him to make a platform for himself as a candidate for governor.

San Antonio police have been notified to hunt a youth who set out from Hot Springs, Ark., to start a revolution in Mexico. If the San Antonio police don't find the youngster the rurales across the Rio Grande will and his youthful ambition will suffer a sharp setback.

A press dispatch from Galveston says that the four winners in the bathing girls revue Sunday wore long hair and not a bobbed hair beauty was among the winners of the main honors. Well, does that mean that bobbed hair beauties are less shapely than their long haired sisters?

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Special Awards for Boys, Girls and Teachers in Every State for Nation's Birthday

Philadelphia, Pa., May 19.—The youth of America will be honored in a new way when the United States celebrates its one hundred and fiftieth birthday in Philadelphia on July 4 in connection with the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition.

The boy and the girl in each state who represent the highest ideals of American youth and the teacher who has accomplished the greatest good for the pupils of the state in which she teaches will be selected to represent the youth and teachers of America at the celebration under the plans which have just been announced by the directors of the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition.

The directors have established the American Youth Award and the American Teacher Award under which the representatives from each state will be chosen to spend a week in Philadelphia. They will play an important part in the observance on July 4 on the very spot where the stirring events of 1776 occurred. President Coolidge will grace the occasion with his presence as orator of the day. The youth and teachers so selected will be the guests of the Sesqui-Centennial directors in Philadelphia from June 28 to July 5.

All of their traveling and living expenses from the time they leave their homes until they return will be paid by the Exposition.

Every boy and every girl between the ages of thirteen and nineteen, whether in or out of school and whether attending a public, parochial, or private school, and every woman school teacher in the United States will be eligible for the honor of representing their state during the celebration in Philadelphia.

Official entry forms and Award booklets may be obtained by addressing the American Youth Award or the American Teacher Award, Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition, Philadelphia.

The youth and teachers upon whom the Award is conferred, in addition to the honor of Philadelphia, will be taken on a two-day trip to Washington where they will visit the White House, the great public institutions, the halls of Congress, the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial, Washington's tomb and Mt. Vernon, the beautiful National Cemetery at Arlington, Va., and many other places of national and historic interest. They will also visit Valley Forge, the great Revolutionary camping-ground where Washington's troops suffered and died in that terrible winter of the war of the Revolution. To each of the Award winners will be publicly presented in Philadelphia a commemorative medal and certificate.

In order that the Award shall be conducted in a truly democratic manner as befits the occasion, the commemorative task of selecting the boys and girls and the teachers in each state will be left to the states and, in the case of the boys and the girls, more particularly to the youth of the states.

Under the plan as established by the directors, it will be left largely to local determination in each state to decide on what basis candidates shall be judged as exemplifying American ideals in that state. The directors, however, have announced that they expect the Award to be made with the emphasis laid upon the qualities of courage, heroism, sacrifice, leadership and patriotism.

There will be constituted in each state a State Committee of Award with headquarters in the capital city and this committee will be the official body for the administration of the Award for both youth and teachers. The governors of the states have been invited to become honorary chairmen of these committees and many have already accepted the invitation.

The membership of these committees as far as possible will include the state official in charge of education, the two United States Senators, two representatives in Congress, two members of the National Advisory Commission to the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition, appointed by President Coolidge, a superintendent of schools, representatives of Rotary, Kiwanis, and Lions, a Protestant, a Catholic and a Jewish clergyman; representatives of the American Legion, Daughters of the American Revolution, the State Federation of Women's Clubs, League of Women Voters, Parent-Teacher Association, together with adult executives of the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts and the Camp Fire Girls. Each of these state committees will have twenty-five members.

The directors, in announcing the Award, expressed the belief that the task of conducting the Award in each state is worth doing for the effect on the youth of the country and on the public in general, and that its value to those chosen will be even more direct and that the boys and girls and teachers, by contact with the stirring scenes of their country's beginning, will have their imaginations so stirred and their patriotism so deepened and strengthened that in future years they may be the bulwarks of good citizenship in their own communities and in the nation.

On the official entry form, which anyone eligible to the Award may obtain from Sesqui-Centennial headquarters, the must be written a 250-word statement setting forth the claims under which it is believed the candidate is entitled to the Award. This statement may consist of the citation of a single act of conspicuous merit or of more general claims.

On Saturday, May 29, the active chairman of each State Committee of Award will cause to be assembled in the capital city of the state a number of boys and girls drawn from the senior classes of nearby secondary schools, whose duty it will be to consider the entries of all candidates in their state and to select fifty boys and fifty girls who, in their judgment, seem best entitled to consideration for the final Award of that state. Before the entry forms are given to these preliminary judges, the names will have been

detached and selections will be made anonymously. The final selection of a boy and a girl and their alternates in each state will be made in a general state convention attended by the fifty boys and fifty girls who have been previously selected from all the candidates as contestants for the final Award. This convention will be held on Saturday, June 12, in the capital city of each state.

On Monday, June 14, each state committee will assemble to select the woman school teacher upon whom the Award will be conferred.

As soon as the winners are announced, the directors of the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition will provide transportation, pullman and traveling expenses in time to permit them to reach Philadelphia for the celebration and tour. The boy and girl from each state will be accompanied to the Exposition by the teacher upon whom the Award has been conferred in their state.

Principles Can't Be Altered By Any Sort of Circumstances

The following is a communication which was published in the Dallas News and presents the views of one who believes in "square shooting," and regards a voluntary pledge as an obligation of honor upon a voter.

I have read with considerable interest the various excuses made by our friends who "scratched" the ticket, and the only one that has "come clean" is Mr. William Conner of Caddo. You can read his letter and know he is telling it just as it happened. While I have never been guilty of this particular political crime, I can see how one must feel.

Some contend that "circumstances alter cases" or in other words, justify scratching the ticket and voting for the opposition. Circumstances never alter principles, which are fixed. By voting in a party primary the voter takes a pledge to support the nominee—not "if his man wins," but "the nominee." When he fails to do this he has violated that pledge and from my viewpoint, can feel only as did Mr. Conner. He may not be as honest with himself, but, if he is, he will have such feelings.

No man is compelled to vote in a primary. The ticket is made, the platform written or understood, and if he does not like the line-up, he can stay away from the polls, or vote some other ticket, but when he votes in the primary it is too late to investigate and excuses will not get him by St. Peter.

Doing the ticket may be done in some sections and no great harm come of it, except to the bolter's feelings, but there are sections of Texas in which such a course might be serious. If a man can justify himself—and the party forgives him—for scratching the ticket and voting to stop him from scratching the Congressman, the Judge, the Sheriff, or the Constable? And if many did this in some districts we would have Republicans in office. Therefore, for the good of all—the State as a whole and the democratic party as a whole—bolting should be discouraged from every standpoint and especially from a religious standpoint, for many of us over here in the piney woods of East Texas believe that a bolter can not go to heaven.

W. A. ADAIR,
Marshall, Texas.

Janitor Ends Life In Room of Beauty He Had Arranged

San Francisco, Cal., May 19.—Four trumpeters Tuesday blew a silver flourish to mark the passing of Theodore Kappel, a German janitor.

They were paid \$26.40, union scale. "On a bright summer's noon-tide" some day soon, the superintendent of Woodlawn Cemetery will convey an urn to the rolling laws of his sepulchral domain. The urn will contain Theodore Kappel's ashes which are to be scattered over rose beds.

The superintendent will receive \$60.

And that will be the end of Theodore Kappel, a paradox who, being something of a student, was an idealist; and who, being a janitor, was a practical sort. He loved beauty and paid his bills.

His death, accomplished by his own hand, was beautiful, as he saw it. When the door of his lodging house was pushed open a few days ago curious eyes beheld a fantastic version of beauty and death.

He had draped his walls, ceiling and windows in costly silks and damasks.

His bed was silk-enwrapped and piled with cut flowers.

On it lay Kappel, attired in evening dress. His head was partly hidden inside a glass-sided box, the aperture padded with velvet. A tube entered the box at one side and through the tube gas was still flowing.

"Life has treated me well and I want to leave it in a fitting manner," Kappel, the practical idealist, had written in one of seven notes.

His notes and legacies were found in a silver bowl, placed between two silver candlesticks. The legacies were really prepaid bills for beauty.

Kappel left a long list of bequests to persons participating in his death plans, including \$50 to the cemetery superintendent who will scatter his ashes, \$26.40 to the trumpeters, \$25 and the costly hangings to his landlady, and various fees to undertaker's assistants, deputy coroners and drivers of the hearse and mourners carriage.

Conference Report Accepted. Washington, May 17.—The senate agreed today to the conference report on the \$185,000,000 federal public building bill.

Democrats of Bosque County Form Club to Boost Gov. Ferguson

Editor Forum: I herewith hand you the proceedings of a meeting held by the democrats of Bosque county at the courthouse May 14 in the interest of Governor Ferguson. Everything looks promising for Ma Ferguson's campaign in this section. Governor Ferguson and James E. Ferguson have been invited by the Chamber of Commerce of Walnut Springs to attend the second Saturday in June, when a large crowd is expected to be present. If they accept the invitation to be present it will be a Ferguson day and the people want to hear them speak.

KOSS BARRY.
Meridian, Tex.

The democrats of Bosque county met in mass meeting at the courthouse in Meridian May 14, 1926, for the purpose of organizing a Ferguson-for-Governor club. Koss Barry was elected chairman and J. D. Wilkinson was elected secretary. The following resolution was adopted:

"We, the democrats of Bosque county, in mass meeting assembled, unqualifiedly endorse the administration of Governor Miriam A. Ferguson as being democratic, patriotic, wise and economical, and we hereby pledge her our unqualified support in the coming July primary for reelection."

The chairman was authorized to select a chairman and an advisory committee of one man and two women for each voting box in the county. The meeting adjourned subject to call by the chairman.

Movie Star Secretly Married. Los Angeles, Cal., May 18.—Kathleen Clifford, motion picture actress, has announced her marriage several months ago to M. P. Ilitch, Los Angeles banker, the examiner says. Miss Clifford declined to give the exact time and place of her marriage.

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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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war, as Dan Moody was your right arm, that of Miriam A. Ferguson's administration, what would have been the result if General Jackson, the right arm of General Lee, had been knifing General Lee, during his battles in Virginia, or elsewhere? Dan Moody should have co-operated with the governor and, being the right arm of the governor, failing to be able to do so he should have resigned. I think that the bridge that carries a man over should be praised, not condemned. But Danny wants to be governor so badly that he is willing not only to fight a woman but to set aside the time-honored precedents of our grand old party, which has always accorded the governor a second term.

Ferguson has been assailed by his opponent, Dan Moody, in his opening address and I trust that when your wife and you make your opening campaign speech at Sulphur Springs upon the 22nd of this month that you will set him afire. He has affronted you, charged you with many things by innuendo and otherwise. Now fight and fight to a finish. You are attacked, defend yourself and your wife and your home and the farmers and boys from the forks of the creek will stay with you and with your wife until old Gabriel blows his trumpet.

In conclusion I have only to say in the language of another, "Charge, Chester, charge, and damned be he, who first cries, enough."

J. GUS PATTON,

Goliad, Texas.

Negro, Pursued by Bloodhounds, Ties Animals to a Tree

Texarkana, Texas, May 19.—Efforts to run down and catch an alleged culprit with bloodhounds failed for unusual reasons. Four new automobile tires were stolen from a car on Rose Hill and when the owner located them at a filling station near town, where they had been sold by a negro, he immediately sought the aid of Constable Austin Neely with his bloodhounds to run down the negro. The dogs took the trail and ran the negro several miles. Finally their barking ceased, and when the officers reached the vicinity where their barking had last been heard they found the three hounds securely tied to a tree. A negro woman, companion of the man sought, was captured. She told the officers the dogs had come up with the man and that he had fought them off, although severely bitten by them on the legs two or three times. Finally he managed to catch them, one at a time, and tie them to the tree. The officers are still looking for the man.

Dallas-Chicago Air Mail Receipts First Day Are \$8,411.14

Washington, May 15.—The first day's receipts on the Chicago-Fort Worth-Dallas air mail route were \$8,411.14. Postmaster General New announced today. He was greatly pleased with the showing. Postage on air mail handled over the route the first day was divided thus: Dallas \$1,405; Fort Worth, \$1,087; Oklahoma City \$1,370; Kansas City \$1,548; Chicago, \$1,111; Wichita, \$696; St. Joseph \$611; Moline \$651.

Winners in Bathing Revue at Galveston Wore Long Tresses

Galveston, Tex., May 17.—Bobbed hair may be fashionable, but long, curling tresses proved their value as enhancing feminine beauty in Galveston's annual beach revue. Miss Dallas, Miss New Orleans, Miss Winnipeg and Miss Mexico, the four leaders in the order named all had long hair.

Dallas Miss Trails Thieves and Finds \$5,000 in Plunder

Dallas, Tex., May 17.—Trailing a gray coat worn by a negro, 15-year-old Dorothy Hudel on the instant became one of the city's most successful detectives. Today at least forty families and the police department are thanking her, while the store room of the detective bureau resembles a drygoods store, as a result of her work. Two negroes are in jail and property estimated to be worth \$5,000 has been recovered. The loot was stolen from Dallas homes by the negroes, who have entered more than 75 houses in the late months. Miss Hudel recognized a coat worn by a negro as that stolen from her chum. She ran across the street in the business section and called a policeman. The two trailed the woman until they caught her at a busy corner. At the police station she gave the names of the men who had given her the coat. Yesterday when the negroes entered a house they frequented, two detectives were waiting for them.

More Rebuffs for Moody's Pleas to Ferguson Voters For Support in His Race

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trying to whip those who elected you. And you also have the fight of your life in getting a corner on all of the honesty in the world.

As to your supporters, I have already suggested about who are supporting you in every precinct in Texas, and you may obtain their names from the Kligrapp.

A. B. CARTER, P. S.—I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of this letter to the Ferguson Forum, for publication.

Puts Questions to Moody.

San Augustine, Texas, April 29th, A. D. 1926. Hon. Daniel L. Moody, Austin, Texas.

My Dear Sir: Yours of April 15th, inst. to hand, and in reply, will advise you to keep the office that you have, that the FERGUSON VOTERS gave you. I carried a petition around for you and did all that I could to elect you attorney general of Texas, thinking that you were a friend of the laboring people of Texas, as you know that James E. Ferguson has always been; just to all concerned, and is the best qualified man in Texas for governor, that is the reason that the people of Texas elected Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson governor of Texas, to get James E. Ferguson's advice in the public affairs of the country, so taxes will be reduced.

I would like for you to show me where the Fergusons have left anything returned that is a betterment for the people of Texas, or for the best interest of the state, which you must prove that the Fergusons have left one thing undone that would have been to the interest of the people of Texas, which you will have to do, before the people will turn the Fergusons loose.

Now Mr. Moody, I think you have made a bad mistake at the present time in making the race for governor, as you ought to know that you can't be elected, at the present time. I don't find any people for you except, Robertson-Butte people and from my information those are the principal people who brought you out for governor, and too, you mentioned about the wholesale pardoning, I would like for you to explain what you mean by that. Do you mean that Mrs. Ferguson has turned all of the convicts out of the state prisons, and state when you make your answer when Mrs. Ferguson called on the legislature for an appropriation for the state penitentiary, as Governor Neff did, as you know.

I am running a rooming house, and see people from over the state, and from what the traveling people say, Mrs. Ferguson will get two votes to your one all over the state. I inquire of all people who come along, in reference to the governors' race, and all of them say that it is Ma.

I am your friend, and wish you well, and if you had not been controlled by Tom Love and O. B. Colquitt, I would have been glad to give you my hearty support two years hence for governor.

I don't claim to be a political prophet, but you will see that I am right, if you live long enough. You know that James E. Ferguson is the best political advisor in Texas. I will be glad to hear from you any time, and will keep you posted in regards to the political situation in this section of the country. Please let me hear from you soon.

With the highest regards, I am Sincerely yours, J. B. WHITTON, Sr.

Cannot Support Dan.

Austin, Texas, May 15, 1926. Honorable Daniel J. Moody, Candidate for Governor, Austin, Texas.

Dear Dan:—Am in receipt of your letter, enclosing three of your pictures, and stating that you are writing me at request of mutual friend, and soliciting my support. I notice in your letter and your speech that you are running on your own merits, solely. This is the reason I cannot support you.

And I imagine you feel so strongly about your own merits that you do not solicit anyone's support because they are anti-Ferguson, for that would be disrespectful to you. Will you please announce that you do not want any one to support you because they are anti-Ferguson and that you want to run on your own merits. It is strange what a big man you became overnight when you announced against the Fergusons, and what a following you had then, without ever having done anything to even merit your favorable consideration as a candidate, not even speaking of the impossible thing of electing you.

Waiting for your announcement I am, not holding my breath.

C. B. MARTIN.

Mrs. Ferguson Will Get His Vote.

Yoakum, Texas, May 8, 1926. Hon. Dan Moody, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:—Yours of recent date asking for my vote and influence, if any, in the coming election.

Will state that I am well pleased with our present governor and will do all in my power to give her the second term she has so justly earned, saying nothing about the unwritten law, for the second term. Mrs. Ferguson has done more for this part of the state than any governor we have ever had and I am unable to understand how any one living in this part of the state that owns property can cast their vote for any other than Mrs. Ferguson for governor.

I will not go into details but will say that Mrs. Ferguson will run better in this part of the state than she did two years ago and I believe the same will apply to all parts of the state. Yours truly, W. H. PORTER.

Challenges Moody's Charges

Lockhart, Texas, May 18, 1926. Hon. Dan Moody,

Dear Sir: Your letter to me of April 24, my birthday, and your letter, and folder announcement, read carefully. In neither of them did I see any mention of the Ku Klux, nor your stand on search and seizure law; each of these in my mind most important subjects, as they vitally affect every citizen of America. At that date, it was my opinion you were severe in your fight in what you said at the convention that the greatest menace to the American government was the Ku Klux.

Therefore, it was my idea to wait for your opening speech to see what you would say, if anything, about Ku Klux or search and seizure law. Reading every word of your speech—did not see any mention of either, most important matter. To my great sorrow, it seems you can't say Ku Klux, or search and seizure. You well remember when you spoke at Lockhart, and the convention, what a fool I made of myself for you, you pleased me, as attorney general, and you expected then to stay there for two terms. It was my desire you would, so you could prosecute more high jackers. Now Dan, will you please be kind enough to tell me what induced you to make a summersault, so sudden?

I've seen men and women in a circus riding two horses going in the same direction, but I'll be dinged if I ever thought you would try to ride two horses going in opposite directions, though you are trying to do so and may succeed—I hope not.

You ask me to make such suggestions as I believe would be for the good of the cause you represent. If you had written me sooner, my suggestion would have been to stay in the attorney general's office two terms, and then run for governor. Then my vote, influence and energy would have been at your command.

In one paragraph of your letter, you say: The conservation of the public revenues has been wholly disregarded, and the public treasury has been made a chest, out of which to reward political friends and henchmen. That is a grave

charge. If you know that why did you not bring that matter before the grand juries you are said to preside over. You certainly ought not to be governor, if you know this to be true, and being attorney general, failed to present the facts to the jury; and if you don't know that to be a fact, you should not make such an assertion, and publish such a grave accusation. My opinion is you should prove it, or retract it.

In your announcement, and speeches you always lay great stress on "honesty in office." No one disagrees with you, everybody thinks you mean it for Mrs. Ferguson or Jim. While you was with those three grand juries and had the help and co-operation of a good county attorney and district attorney, why did you not show the jury who was dishonest? It is a reflection on you, far above all others to report it.

The state in the best of condition financially, schools very best of condition, penitentiary in fine shape, no Ku Klux tar and feather parties, not a lynching in Ma's first year or first term, and you charge that the state is in a deplorable, shameful disgraceful condition, such as never existed before. I don't believe a danged word of it. And if you get the nomination, you will have to meet a republican candidate for governor. He will use all this Bush Wa, you are putting out. Will you tell him you have told the truth? If you do you may expect the republican to use it. They are saving all your speeches. You will be confronted by the republicans. With best wishes for your health, LEA BEATY, Lockhart, Texas.

Tells Moody He Should Support Governor Ferguson

San Angelo, Texas, May 12, 1926. Hon. Dan Moody, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:—In answer to yours of recent date; yes, I supported you two years ago, and would have done so again if you had asked for the second term, although, I am like lots of my good friends, not satisfied with the way you have treated our good governor and the way you have tied up our road system.

I think, however, that it was just a political scheme at the expense of the taxpayers of our good state.

Our present governor should have had your support and co-operation instead of what she got. There are many issues in your letter that I could refer to but it is useless as our governor has covered them all and I, like lots of others, believe she is just as honest as any we could get and she will try to appoint honest men and women to office to make up the best administration possible. For this and other reasons I feel it my duty to support our present governor.

Thanking you for your letter, I beg to remain, Yours truly, R. A. KIMBERLY.

Diagnoses Dan's Complex

Needville, Texas, May 8, 1926. To the Hon. Dan Moody, Attorney General of the State of Texas.

Dear Sir:—A few days ago I received a communication from you calling my attention the fact that as I had been one of your very kind and energetic supporters in your race for attorney general, and hoping that I was giving you my undivided support in your race for governor in the present campaign, and for me to write you a letter, stating my standing, regarding your race, and for me to write you the names of the Moody supporters in this part of southern Texas, and for me to please find enclosed, a red sticker to be pasted on my car, in large letters, "DAN'S THE MAN."

Now in reply to your letter as requested, my dear attorney general, as I am known to be free and open, in all such statements, with nothing to hide, I will answer your questions, promptly and without evasion or equivocation. I am attempting to answer you in my old familiar way.

I am giving my undivided support to Mrs. Ferguson for a customary second term for governor. I am not supporting you because I think that the very large overwhelming vote we gave you for attorney general has given you a swelling of the head that has extended down somewhere near the knees. I may have made a mistake in my diagnosis of your case, as I only made one personal observatory examination in your office some time last year, and I also made a close inspection of your case, while at the state democratic convention and heard you make your speech of acceptance. At said convention I did not observe the customary symptoms that usually show up early in such affections as you seem to be suffering from, but at the time I visited you in your office above referred to I detected your symptoms developing and should have given you warning at the time, but as I thought you might think me presumptuous, I decided to wait, hoping that some good doctor that was well and personally acquainted with you would detect your arising troubles and give you advice and treatment.

At the time you made your recent great discovery of "Honesty in Government" phrase, over which you and Lynch almost came to combat, as to which of you was the real discoverer, that you had developed that peculiar complex known and commonly recognized as looking on everything and everybody as dishonest but yourself. I with great regret pitied your case, as it had gone so far that hope for a final cure had arrived at a hopeless termination. The complex that you seem to be afflicted with most generally terminates fatally. The progress of the disease is slow but certain. Some of the chief symptoms in the progress of the complex you seem to be suffering from is where five long months with three different grand juries, a district court at command, with thousands of dollars of expense, out of your dear taxpayers money of whom your great heart is overflowing with love for them, with your personal supervision of grand juries, and not a single five cents stolen or misappplied by Mrs. Ferguson as governor or her cohorts, and then come to me and others over the state and say to the average man and woman, "Look what I did for you, I ought to be made governor for such great accomplishments, and you are giving me your undivided support, ain't you?"

Dan, let me tell you, the above disease is a dangerous malady. Let me give you another symptom. You remember the American Road Company, when you had that six hundred thousand wad shaking it in the face of the dear public and saying look what a great wad I got back for you. Now my old supporters will be sure to make me governor, that was only a common symptom of the common complex you are suffering from and has reached the almost hopeless stage.

What I would recommend as a temporary remedy in your case would be complete quiet and a long rest and retirement, away from all excitement, where the above parties will not have opportunity to keep your complex under such a daily strain. And as for a list of your supporters here I will refer you to Hiram W. Evans. Address Dallas and Atlanta and sometimes Washington D. C. When not found at the above named places you might find him and his porter in a Pullman sleeper. He has the full list of your supporters on his roster.

Most of the people that formerly voted for you, as the negro says, "Does not pay you much mind." And I think Mrs. Ferguson ought to pay you for the good you are doing her in your weak form of knocking on her business, and others. And doing your very best in your feeble way to assassinate character along with others.

The Fergusonites do not care what you and Hiram and the common donators on Hiram's raft say about Mrs. Ferguson's business, the more you say the more of them will come out of the woods on election day, for they are as numerous as red bugs in harvest season.

They would not care if old Jim was to place the state capitol on rollers and roll it around over Texas, the most of them would like it, for they have never seen the capitol yet and would like to see that magnificent structure, in fact, I think it would be a fine idea myself. But if old Jim was to get that thing too far in an easterly direction, the Fergusonites would become restless, and if old Jim was to cross the Sabine river with that thing, going towards Atlanta, they would quit old Jim cold on the west bank of said river.

Should you be desirous of any further information regarding your goods and chattels in these parts, I will gladly furnish you from time to time such further information.

I am sending copy of this reply to your most welcome letter of inquiry to the Ferguson Forum and the Brookshire Times and some other papers.

Yours very affectionately, G. M. GOLDSMITH, M. D.

Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson
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Jim Ferguson Tells Friends Wife Sure To Win Re-election

(From Houston Chronicle, May 19, 1926)
 James E. Ferguson spent Tuesday in Houston, having come here on personal business, but spent part of the day talking to his wife's political supporters.
 Mr. Ferguson is confident that his wife will be re-elected governor of Texas. His every word and action radiates confidence.
 "All this talk about the swing to Moody is just newspaper talk," said the former governor. "My friends have been out talking to the voters, the boys in the forks of the creek, and they haven't gotten a bit excited about Moody."
 "And by July 24 there will be a lot less Moody strength, when the people have had an opportunity to get both sides of the question. All they have now is what the newspapers have given them, and that's all been pro-Moody."
 Then the former governor turned the conversation to a discussion of the search and seizure law enacted by the last legislature.
 "My wife was for that law and took pleasure in signing it, and she will be equally pleased to veto any effort to repeal it," he said. "The law simply enacts into statute what was already written into the constitution. It protects the sanctity of a man's home from unwarranted and unlawful invasion. Thomas Jefferson stood for such a law and such a constitution. I see that Dan Moody quoted Jefferson quite a bit at Taylor the other night. Why doesn't he come out and say where he stands on that law? Is it because he is afraid he will offend some of his Ku Klux supporters? My opinion is that Atticus Webb told him not to say anything."
 Mr. Ferguson said he and the governor are ready for the opening of her campaign at Sulphur Springs next Saturday.
 "My wife will make a short talk, but since she is not an issue in the campaign she will introduce me and let me defend myself," he said.
 "Moody has made me the issue, so I am going to bear the brunt of the fight."
 The speeches will be made in a tabernacle at Sulphur Springs. Seats have been arranged for 8,000 people and Mr. Ferguson expects every seat to be filled.

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People of Texas Approve Ferguson Administration and Will Say So at Polls

(From Fayette County Record)
 "Fergusonism" is to be the issue for this year's gubernatorial campaign, according to the opponents of the administration. "Ma gets her advice from Jim," is their cry.
 Well, that was the issue two years ago, in two campaigns. That is what the Robertson Ku Klux crowd charged in the primary and the people, by over 100,000 majority, said it was allright for Mrs. Ferguson to advise with her husband. In the fall election the Butte-Republican-Klan combination charged the same thing—that Jim Ferguson would be the governor's chief advisor. Again the people said that was satisfactory, this time by over 130,000 majority. Now Daniel Moody springs the same old cry for the third time, and this time the majority approving the governor's policy of advising with her husband will be 200,000 or more. Dan and his advisors don't seem to understand that what makes "Ma" so strong with the people is the knowledge that she can, at any time, counsel and advise with "Pa."

Some Letters To the Forum

Praises Ferguson Administration.
 Editor Forum: After reading Mr. Moody's speech at Tesque, Texas, accusing the present administration of not being honest, I don't see how he gets it. I know it has been the greatest administration since I can remember. The Governor has been fair to all, the rich as well as the poor. It was scarcely two months after Governor Ferguson was inaugurated that Moody began howling. First he began on the Highway department; he began running injunctions and stopping work on the highways in certain localities of the state, which caused the Farmers to get in a bad shape, and cost the state thousands of dollars to get them rebuilt and in repair. Moody has made it hard for the Highway commissioners. To my idea he had three as good men as could be selected in the state. John Bicket Sr. of San Antonio, whom I know well. He is sixty-four years of age and served as sheriff of Milan county until he resigned that office. He was also penitentiary commissioner and made a good one. He would rather give his right arm than to anything that would injure the aim of the administration. I have often heard him instruct his men to always give the state an honest day's work.
 I wonder if Mr. Moody has figured what it has cost the state to keep the grand jury in session five long months? I think he has spent more unnecessary money than anybody else. Mr. Moody had the full force of his office before the grand jury at the same time trying to find a bill against Governor Ferguson, which he thought would help him to be elected Governor. I think God that the men that composed the grand jury they were brought before were good, honest and honorable men. I wonder if Mr. Moody ever farmed very much? I wonder if he ever worked for wages and I wonder if he ever railroaded? I wonder if he has any idea what the common people in general need? I doubt very much if he has ever done any of these, therefore I say he would have very little idea of what the common people of Texas need.
 Another thing the voters of Texas should take into consideration is that all state departments are in better condition than they ever were before and more money in the state treasury.
 Lynch Davidson says Dan Moody has taken part of his platform. I see Davidson and Moody are trying to get in on Ferguson's platform. I say come on voters and let us give Miriam A. Ferguson the second term as Governor of Texas. Let us stand on the old Jefferson platform. Let us all turn out and give her an overwhelming majority on the 24th day of July.
 R. L. AMBROSE,
 122 Montrose Avenue, San Antonio, Texas.

Against Moody in Williamson County.
 Editor Forum: As a bad writer I will not take into consideration the few remarks about a telegram to big Dan Moody enclosed in this letter. According to that, should we vote for a Lee Hang Chum Chinese, washee washee? No, I say and many will say so in Williamson county. To Dan Moody and his party, I know with such clean (?) friends, I know with such clean (?) friends you go, so I know exactly what you are. The papers should be ashamed to publish such stuff, but it only shows how lowdown some people will get. It is the worst insult to honorable Governor Ma Ferguson. In the speech in Taylor Dan Moody had not a word for the farmer, he doesn't need 'em, it looks as if he is just with the higher ups.
 About 10,000 to 15,000 attendants in Taylor severed counted the benches and there were eighty at a capacity of fifty each and way in the back end many were empty, so I give him, 5,500, including the sidewalks and that includes men, women and children. How many Ferguson boys were there I don't know, but I think it was a good figure also. We know Dan since the War and that satisfied many here. That he was after the K. K. K. in that time, it only was his duty, he should not expect an extra crowd fired for that.
 Farmers, and renters, and loyal citizens, stand firm to the flag of good. Will Hon. Lynch Davidson begin at home to clean house and take the mote from his eye before trying to remove the mote from the other

count of his stewardship? I am sixty-five years old and have never seen it before. Now let us remember this and demand it of those that follow.

Now back to the subject. Another thing that should be considered is the condition of those different departments of the state when Mrs. Ferguson went in office. They were all in bad condition and some of them worse. Every fairminded man and woman must admit that every department of the state is in better condition and she has done this in a little more than a year and under the most adverse conditions. To say that she is the greatest governor that Texas ever had is putting it strong but it is true nevertheless. Jim Ferguson was the best governor Texas ever had. His administration made Texas such a great state with such an increased population with such a great increase of business and responsibility—to sum it all up is conclusive proof that our present governor is the greatest we ever had.
 Now as to conditions at LaRue: Mrs. Ferguson will get every vote she got in the last election so far as I know and Dan will get all the K. K.'s so far as I know. Now let me say in conclusion Dan and Jim are not going to get the poor devils out of Texas. Admitting that, it is the voters of Texas have not been deceived for Jim told them plainly two years ago that if his name was kept off the ticket that the name of his good wife would go on and if we had a good governor it did not matter which one signed on the dotted line. And now I want to put Dan and Jim on notice that after the 24th of July they will find out that a large majority of Texas voters prefer Jim Ferguson proxy for one of Texas' noblest women rather than them as proxy for the K. K. K. Wizard over at Atlanta.
 With best wishes for the Forum, I am,
 Yours to serve,
 LaRue, Texas. T. J. BRISTOW.

To the Good Women of Texas.

By way of information, am not acquainted with the Fergusons, never saw one of them, am now over eighty years of age, and could hardly expect to obtain any benefit from them, I judge it hardly unnecessary to say that no one except the writer is aware that it is being written.
 Having been a citizen of this great state since 1839, and to a large extent familiar with its past history, this is dictated through love of her past history and glorious record.
 Furthermore to be entirely candid, will say that I am now, have always been, and expect to remain—unalterably opposed to so called Woman's Suffrage, believing as I do, that no greater curse was ever inflicted upon her sex. It is often said that woman is not amenable to reason. I do not subscribe to this, in toto. In our civilization woman's reasoning faculties have never had the same incentive as man's. On the contrary she has been forced to rely upon intuition and it is well. Intuition and mother's love have been the salvation of woman and the life of the human (even the animal) race.
 For more than half a century it has been the unwritten law, "A second term for the Governor." Are you good women to give your aid to the initial breaking of this established precedent, and that too in the case of our first woman governor, the sturdy, self-reliant and your claims for enfranchisement and equal rights? God forbid.
 The only claims, so far as I have been able to discover against Mrs. Ferguson are "Pardons and The Highway Muddle." Does any woman in the state of Texas today, endowed with that Heavenly principle Mother love, that principle which has for its foundation Forgiveness and Charity, blame her for these pardons? Do you ever think of the many homes that have been reunited, the broken circles repaired—the mothers, the wives, the children who have been made happy? My friends, there are lots of morally innocent men and women in our penitentiary today—lots of them.
 Now as to that highway, scandal if you wish two men, appointees of Governor Ferguson, seem to have gone astray. Honestly now, is she to blame? How many of you know the secret workings of the human brain—have you too not been deceived in your friends? The great Caesar chose Brutus for his friend, and when he looked around and discovered him among his assailants exclaimed "Et tu Brute." (and thou too Brutus). Jesus Christ called

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Rev. H. Studtmann Chosen as Head of Lutheran College

Austin, Tex., May 19.—The Rev. H. Studtmann, pastor of a large congregation at Reisel, McLennan county, was selected as the first president of the Lutheran College, under construction at Austin. Mr. Studtmann has been in the ministry twenty-five years and now is president of the Texas district of the Missouri synod of the Lutheran church.
 The selection was made by the electoral board in session here. Plans were made for laying the corner stone of the new college to be held in June. The Rev. D. W. Fischer of Giddings is to be the principal speaker.

Hopes for Ferguson Victory.

Editor Forum: Just thought I would drop you a few lines. I have so many who want to borrow my Forum just thought I would ask you to send me a few copies so I can pass them out. I want to help Ma and Pa Jim all I can and Ma will run here as strong or stronger, than she did last time. There is nobody paying any attention to Moody, only a few of the crowd that always fought Jim and they are just sore and don't know what they are sore about. I have been reading the Forum ever since it was a paper and aim to read it as long as I live, if you keep publishing it.
 The boys at the forks of the creek said give Ma and Pa their best regards and that they will see that she carries that part of the State solid.
 You will see that I am not very much on writing, but we didn't have good country schools then like we have now, and Jim Ferguson is the man that brought them out—the little schools that used to run three months, now run from seven to nine months, so you must excuse my bad writing and please send the extra copies so I can hand them out. I always lend my paper to some one but one don't go far enough.
 I will close, hoping Ma will beat the bunch 200,000.
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 Here is the way the 25th annual convention of the state association of master plumbers figures it out at their meeting today.
 People go to the movies and see sumptuous bath room scenes. They go home wanting bathrooms and fixtures like they see in the movies. They get them. Then their delight is so great they spend a lot of time in them.

Bandits Get \$30,000 in Daylight Raid on Bank Near St. Louis

St. Louis, Mo., May 18.—Flourishing pistols and shotguns, six men held up forty employes and patrons of the North St. Louis Trust company today and escaped with about \$30,000 in cash.
 The robbers forced these in the bank to hold up their hands and then to kneel on the floor facing the wall, while they looted the teller's cages and vaults. No shots were fired.
 Included in the loot was a \$15,000 deposit which had just been made by the Metropolitan Life Insurance company.

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Wichita, Kan., May 19.—The flip of a coin decided the division and possession of \$1,500,000 worth of Kingman county oil property, when D. P. Fleegeer and the Carter Oil company dissolved partnership in their new oil holdings there.
 Their settlement between Fleegeer and the Carter company came after weeks of negotiations. The oil company, which is a subsidiary of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, three months ago had attempted to buy Fleegeer's interest and in refusing Fleegeer had asked for a division of the properties.
 Unable to agree on how the property should be divided, the dissolution of partnership was held up after many conferences until Fleegeer went to Tulsa for a final session. After two days of conversation, the acreage around the new well, held jointly by the two interests, was equally divided. Unable then to decide which side should have first choice of the two divisions, it was decided to flip a coin.
 The office boy was called in and he threw a coin into the air, James Veasey, general counsel for the Carter Oil company calling "heads."
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