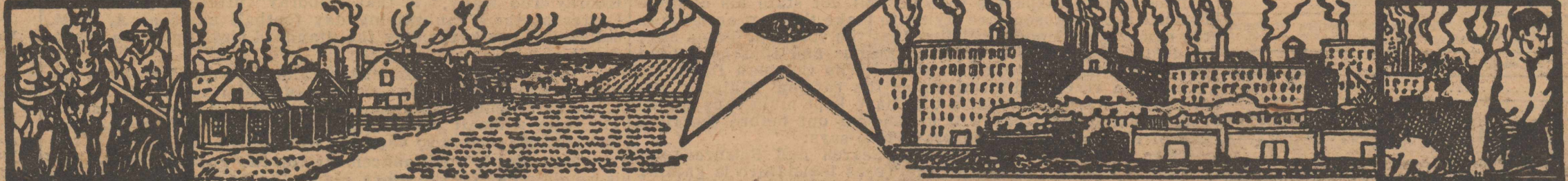


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Will Hogg Challenged By Houstonian for His Slurs Upon Ferguson Supporters

Editor Forum: I am attaching hereto copy of a letter this day addressed to Will C. Hogg in regard to his recent utterances given publicity through Houston Post-Dispatch and other dailies. I have also forwarded copy to Houston Chronicle for publication, but do not expect them to publish it.
 J. N. SNELL,

Houston, Texas, May 31, 1926.

Houston, Texas, May 29, 1926.

Mr. Will C. Hogg,
 Houston, Texas.

Dear Sir: Your recent utterances given publicity through many of the big daily papers of this state have come to my notice this date. You are quoted as saying, "Every decent thinking man must have an innate abhorrence of the things for which Jim Ferguson stands." Of course you mean women when you say man, for you refer to the voters or the people who think, both male and female, whether voters or not, and especially do you refer to Texans by birth or adoption for it is in Texas that things most vital are at issue. These papers refer to you as the son of former Governor Jim Hogg; this I presume is done for the purpose of giving some weight and dignity to your statement above referred to, however, I venture to say that if your worthy sire were alive and about he would today be found battling for the rights of the people along with the thousands of living voters who voted for him when in our midst, and I am certain he would not be heard giving utterance to such expressions as yours referred to.

Your statement can mean either, "every decent thinking man or woman, or every thinking decent man or woman," in any event the meaning is the same for if one fails to think decently he certainly isn't decent, and if he isn't decent then he won't think decently. I take it that you meant what you said, therefore, I say to you that a man of your supposed standing, living in an atmosphere of refinement, culture and almost inexhaustible wealth largely inherited from your father's estate ought not to have made such an indecent remark, for when you did so you offended and insulted the memory of your illustrious father, whose eminent service to Texas is the Beacon light to all who have come after him. You also insulted many thousands of living admirers of your illustrious sire, thousands who followed him from his very humble beginning in east Texas, and who fought with him through the Hogg-Clark campaign are today supporting Governor Miriam Ferguson and Jim Ferguson and are doing so honestly and conscientiously, thinking as decently and acting as decently as you can think or act or any of your humble ancestry. Your father was glad to refer to his humble origin for he knew the truth of the following quotation: "Honor and shame from no condition rise, act well your part, there all the honor lies." It is hoped by the friends of your father that you, too, will in time come to appreciate that simple verse, and when you do, you will cease to use so recklessly the English language in referring to your fellow citizens who differ from you. To be intolerant and puffed up with one's own importance is the nth degree of egotism and results in indecency and immodesty, and you know, that the lack of decency is the lack of modesty, and the lack of modesty is the lack of sense.

Hundreds of my acquaintances and friends, now old and gray, once fought in the ranks for your father, when he was poor, humble, and struggling. My own father, a poor man then, a poor man now, fought in his humble sphere for our Governor Hogg, the governor and politician who when campaigning did not mince words, but called a spade a spade and a hoe a hoe and took little thought of where the chips fell; these same friends, acquaintances and my father and mother are standing, fighting for Governor Ferguson and her husband, Jim; for the governor and her husband stand for practically the same principles and things your dad stood for. I invite you to read the history of your state and acquaint yourself with the things your father stood for, fought for, and in a measure, accomplished.

I know you do not spend much of your time in Texas, but while you are basking in your luxurious palace on the Pacific coast this summer, or perchance, while you are in your New England domicile, or better still, while you stretch and yawn at Palm Beach as the balmy Gulf breeze soothes your conscience and restless spirit, take a look into Sister Pennybacker's Texas History, look your honored dad's picture in the face, commune with him; he will come to you, listen to him; he will whisper softly into your sub-conscious mind words of wisdom. Rise up, while the spell is on you and return to Texas in haste and gird about you the armor of your worthy sire and do battle as he did in the interest of the masses, the great commonality of this state against the classes and the privileged few, do this and you will find yourself side by side in the ranks with the majority of your father's living friends and supporters, horned hand farmers, shop workers, laboring people, the great perspiring, throbbing workers who are supporting Governor Ferguson as against this Don Juan Moody and his cohorts, Hobby of Blue Ridge fame, Colquitt of chicken salad distinction, and Hiram Evans, the dentist of recent notoriety.

With best wishes for your return to the principles of our fathers, I am yours,

Sincerely,

J. N. SNELL,

211 E. 26th St., Houston, Texas.

MOODY CONTRADICTS SELF

(What Moody Said at Burnet)

(From Moody's Opening Speech at Taylor)

"The patrol system for the maintenance of roads would insure honest service and make more certain that the state receives a dollar's worth of work for every dollar spent."

Burnet, Texas, May 31.—The patrol system of maintenance of highways as recently adopted by the State Highway Department is to give work to an army of employes to aid Jas. E. Ferguson, former governor, in the re-election sought by Governor Miriam A. Ferguson, Attorney General Dan Moody, candidate for governor, declared here Monday.

YOUNG VOTER TELLS WHY HE IS FOR GOVERNOR FERGUSON

Editor Forum: I wish to express my opinion on the gubernatorial race. I am a college boy and have taken part in only one election. I did not vote for Mrs. Ferguson, because, (with the exception of the K. K. candidate) it made little difference with me who was elected governor for neither of the candidates had ever been tried in the governor's chair.

But, we have now tried Mrs. Ferguson one term, and I am proud to say that she has not only made a success, but she has done more for the welfare of Texas citizens than any other governor that ever sat in the governor's chair.

As for Dan Moody he may make a good governor, but he may not. So why go searching for others to try in the governor's chair, when Governor Miriam A. Ferguson, this good hearted woman, has stood the test. By the help of God she has brought Texas to the light. She paid the state treasury out of debt. She put the K. K. K.'s out of business in Texas and this, friends, was the most degrading band of men that ever was organized. They were flogging and tarring honest men and women. This sounds like ancient times when man knew no better, but it was so in Texas.

Now they say this band is supporting Moody. For what purpose? In order that they might put grand old Texas back into a turmoil as it was before Mrs. Ferguson took the chair? What are you going to do, labor men? Put on your thinking caps and put this little meddlesome fellow out of our great administrator's way. She is trying to make Texas a state worth living in and has not the time to be bothered with pests. If the above about the Klan supporting Moody be so how could an honest Texas citizen, a citizen with a conscience who believes in equal rights among men, walk to the polls and vote for Dan Moody? Dan, you have two classes of supporters—one, the K. K. K.'s, the other is the class of Texas men who have hardened their hearts years ago against Jim Ferguson and have not the welfare of Texas on their minds. They refuse to see.

The state of Texas has prospered more in the last two years than in any other two years during the history of the state. I would like for any one to show me one thing that "Ma" did not do for the betterment of Texas that was within her power to do. Friends, she is at the wheel of Texas and is steering old Texas on to the best it has ever been. She has done it in two little years. Then why not give her four or even more? Then if there is as much good done in Texas these next two years that this good mother will occupy the governor's chair as there has been done the past two years, the name of Ferguson will never die in the hearts of Texas citizens. I call Mrs. Ferguson mother because she is not only a mother of her own children but she is a mother to the children of grand old Texas.

Mr. Ferguson, some say that you have been found guilty of dictating to your wife. Is this true? If so, I will say, "hats off to Fergusonism" and may it forever reign in the heart of Texas.

In conclusion I wish to say that after realizing the value of the present administration to the state of Texas, I have decided to join the majority of Nacogdoches county and cast my vote for "Ma." Wishing Mrs. Ferguson a clean sweep, I am,

Yours respectfully,
 BENNETT A. GRAY,

Chireno, Texas.

VENERABLE TEXAN SAYS THERE'LL BE NO RUN-OFF

Editor Forum: Herein find one dollar for which send me the Forum until January. I want to keep posted all through the campaign.

I am 83 years old and Jim and his wife are the best governors I have ever helped to put in office. Mrs. Ferguson need not worry about her success for I don't think there will be any run-off this year. She will be so far ahead of Dan and Lynch in July they won't be known in the race. If I was Dan I would go away back somewhere and sit down, and as for Lynch, well, he don't count for anything.

Say, did you ever think about what sort of people they are that have been persecuting Jim and his wife? They must be the descendants of that old mob that crucified Christ, stoned Stephen to death and cut John's head off. I don't think they will have any associates in the lower regions except Judas, Arnold and Burr. They with an evil spirit condemn the governor for pardoning so many prisoners. Just think how many happy homes she made by sending those men home to their wives and children and think of the other good things she has done that no other governor has done.

What's the use to write more, she'll be the next governor and we'll have two more years of peace.

J. H. THORNTON,
 Meadow, Texas.

Dates For 43 Speeches By Jas. E. Ferguson Announced

Former Governor James E. Ferguson Tuesday announced from Austin speaking dates in behalf of the candidacy of Governor Miriam A. Ferguson for re-election covering forty-three engagements the closing speech to be made at Austin on the evening of July 23, the night before the first primary. In announcing these dates Former Governor Ferguson issued this statement:

"In giving out these 43 speaking dates over the state which takes me only as far north as Vernon and only as far west as Midland, I realize that there are many points which I regret not to reach and I may receive the criticism of some of my friends.

"However, I want to call attention to the condition that now confronts all the candidates of this campaign. The continued bad weather and the lack of interest has produced a condition in Texas politics unheard of in many years. Here we have it the first of June and there have been scarcely more than one dozen speeches made in the race for governor. There are only 53 days from now until the July primary, seven days of which are Sundays, leaving only 46 days for campaigning.

"In this time it will be impossible for any candidate to make more than a portion of the state. I have distributed my speaking dates as much as possible to meet the convenience of our friends who might want to come and hear the issues of the campaign discussed. There is no requirement for the governor to make speeches in this campaign for the reason that no attack has been made upon her administration and none can be made. However, she will, as far as her strength will permit, visit as many places as possible and personally thank the people for their continued loyalty and support.

"I am making this campaign largely because they are attacking me and my friends are expecting me to make a defense. I shall endeavor to not disappoint them. I especially request our friends everywhere to come out to my appointments and by their presence show their opposition to the hate campaign now waged in Texas."

SPEAKING DATES

Beaumont	June 2, 8 p. m.
Houston	June 3, 8 p. m.
Yoakum	June 4, 8 p. m.
Corpus Christi	June 5, 8 p. m.
McAllen	June 7, 8 p. m.
Harlingen	June 8, 8 p. m.
Cleburne	June 10, 3 p. m.
Waco	June 11, 8 p. m.
Hillsboro	June 12, 3 p. m.
Corsicana	June 12, 8 p. m.
Vernon	June 14, 3 p. m.
Wichita Falls	June 15, 8 p. m.
Sweetwater	June 16, 3 p. m.
Midland	June 17, 3 p. m.
Abilene	June 18, 8 p. m.
Cisco	June 19, 3 p. m.
Rockdale	June 22, 3 p. m.
Marquez	June 23, 3 p. m.
Jacksonville	June 24, 3 p. m.
Tyler	June 25, 8 p. m.
Marshall	June 26, 8 p. m.
Linden	June 28, 3 p. m.
Clarksville	June 29, 3 p. m.
Paris	June 29, 8 p. m.
Bonham	June 30, 3 p. m.
Farmersville	July 1, 3 p. m.
Denton	July 2, 3 p. m.
Weatherford	July 3, 3 p. m.
Plum	July 5, 3 p. m.
Brenham	July 6, 11 a. m.
Livingston	July 7, 3 p. m.
Lufkin	July 8, 3 p. m.
Nacogdoches	July 9, 3 p. m.
Center	July 10, 3 p. m.
Henderson	July 12, 3 p. m.
Brownwood	July 14, 3 p. m.
Ballinger	July 15, 3 p. m.
San Angelo	July 16, 3 p. m.
Stephenville	July 17, 3 p. m.
Fort Worth	July 20, 8 p. m.
Dallas	July 21, 8 p. m.
Waxahachie	July 22, 3 p. m.
Austin	July 23, 8 p. m.

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DAVIDSON'S MANAGER CORRECTED

When James West, a merchant and well known business man of Bonham, received a letter from Jos. W. Hale, manager for Lynch Davidson in the campaign for governor, telling him that Manager Hale had been informed that Mr. West was not supporting Governor Ferguson this year and soliciting his support for Davidson, the Bonham merchant lost no time in correcting Manager Hale and emphasizing the fact that he is stronger than ever for Governor Ferguson. Mr. West forwarded to the Forum a copy of his letter to Manager Hale and it is given here:

"Hon. Jos. W. Hale, Dallas, Texas.
"Dear Sir:—Yours of the 24th at hand and I hasten to comply with your request as to my attitude in the present campaign, more especially in reference to my supporting Mrs. Ferguson. Our mutual friend, referred to, has made a mistake, as I shall support Mrs. Ferguson and for the following good reasons:

"First, I endorse her administration insofar as I understand. Doubtless you remember when she went into office our county jails had many feeble-minded inmates who could not have the care of our state asylums. This alone obligates all Christian people to support her because she has taken these unfortunates out of the jails. Our penitentiary system was in a deplorable condition.

"Our state is in need of two years more of just such administration as we have had the last two years. I am a democrat from principle; have never bolted the ticket. I fear many life-long democrats were swayed by misrepresentation and prejudice to quit the good old party for the sole purpose of defeating Mrs. Ferguson through misunderstanding as to the unjust persecutions of her husband, who was one of the best governors the state ever had. Most people remember that there was no cause for the disturbed conditions that grew out of the impeachment of Governor Ferguson, who has done more for the state of Texas than any governor since Tom Campbell's administration. However, I hold Mr. Davidson in high esteem as an honorable, high-minded gentleman.

"As a democrat I shall vote to give our present governor a second term as has been customary where the administration has been good.

"JAMES WEST.

"Bonham, Texas."
P. S.—I am sending this to the Forum subject to your disposal.
J. W.

HONESTY OR POLITICAL BUNCOMBE?

In the Athens Review of recent date appears a signed communication bearing the name of W. E. Callaway in which Mr. Callaway discusses all the candidates for the gubernatorial nomination and has something to say about their self-asserted claims for preference. He does not name the various candidates but leaves no doubt as the identity of each and here is what he says of one whom it is easy to recognize as "Fighting Dan:"

"Another one wants more honesty in government. That certainly is very desirable, and very much needed. If we could know that we could get it by voting for him I feel sure that we should all turn out en masse, a solid body, and put him over without a dissenting vote. But—but are we sure that we would have any more! Do his official acts in the past assure us that such would be the case? While he won in the courts on the road contracts, there is a large class of real intelligent people who honestly believe that we lost thousands of dollars by the success of his suit, and there is good reasoning in their argument. If this be the case, was it honesty or political buncombe that actuated him? If honesty, how and why? If political buncombe would he be a safe man at the helm of state? "The answer must be given in July."

OLD FASHIONED DEMOCRATIC IDEAS

Bolters and tentative bolters who say they will not vote for the nominee of a democratic primary if their choice is defeated cannot claim the privilege of voting, either morally or legally, in the opinion of that old-fashioned democrat, Frank Gaston, who edits the Granbury News. Gaston has weathered many stormy political campaigns in Texas and not always has his chosen candidate been victorious, but to this date he has not bolted or threatened to bolt. Here is what he says of the Tom Love stripe of office-seeker, officeholder and pretended democrat:

"The man who says he 'will not vote for Ferguson, or I will not vote for Moody,' if nominated, has no right to take part in a democratic primary. Circumstances may arise where a man cannot conscientiously vote for a party nominee, but if he knows and states in advance that he will not support a candidate if nominated, he cannot claim a vote either morally or legally."

All of which is according to true democratic doctrine, but when self-anointed saints set themselves up to dictate to Texas democrats and say they will follow the democratic standard as long as they can control its nominations but no farther, there can be no doubt of the truth of Frank Gaston's statement that they are not entitled either legally or morally to vote in a democratic primary.

Building construction in Texas is at a high record.

The Texas Press association meets in annual convention next week in San Antonio. The newspaper men will be royally entertained.

The greatest small grain harvest Texas ever has seen is being garnered and farmers are happy. The state treasury has cash to meet all demands and school teachers are not hawking vouchers about among money sharks. Why worry?

The Houston Post-Dispatch's attempt to show that Dan Moody was inducted into service in 1917 was so patently false that it bowed to a challenge by a Houston citizen and printed a correction saying that a mistake had been made and that Dan was inducted into the army in 1918. Even then the Post-Dispatch was not fair and frank enough to say that this induction took place in September, just sixty days before the signing of the Armistice.

The "Anti-Ferguson Dope" that Moody has been mixing for many months, according to the Baird Star seems to have become spoiled from long mixing or some other cause and its operation has been slow and the Star says there was no life in the campaign until Jim Ferguson "Shot a lot of high life" into it at Sulphur Springs. This is the way the Star puts it: "Jim Ferguson at Sulphur Springs shot a lot of high life into the campaign for governor that will put some life into what hitherto has been about the dullest campaign we have any recollection of. Dan Moody has been mixing anti-Ferguson dope for eight or ten months but the cold winter or something seems to have spoiled a lot of it."

VOTERS WILL NOT TOLERATE DODGING

Candidates in Texas will not be permitted to dodge answering the question whether they favor retention or repeal of the "Search and Seizure" law. Moody has replied to several Grimes county taxpayers that he will not state his attitude because the Fergusons are trying to make this law an issue in the campaign. Moody will find that the voters of Texas have made this issue and not the Fergusons and that he cannot escape making his position known. The Coleman Democrat Voice in a recent editorial under the caption "Gaining Momentum," warns candidates who have kept mum thus far on this question that they will be smoked out before the final day of election. The Democrat Voice says:

"As a political question the 'Search and Seizure Law' passed at the last session of the Texas legislature is gaining momentum. Some candidates for state office so far have been mum but the chances are they will be smoked out before the final day and people will know 'where they are at.'"

"Repeal of the law would jeopardize the privacy and sanctity of every home and every automobile for the convenience of a few officers and would be equivalent to granting them a free pass into places that have been private since time began.

"The law is not vicious. The law is not new. It is deeply rooted in the state and federal constitutions and if it should be repealed men will still be at home in their own homes and will not have to suffer willful intrusion.

"The first paragraph in the Search and Seizure law is but a reenactment of article I of section 9 of the State Constitution and the same provision is incorporated in the federal document. But it costs more to take advantage of a constitutional provision than a simple law and many would be persecuted.

"The law is as ancient as time and as perpetual as the sun, the moon and the stars. It is divine. The first law of nature is self preservation. Animals will protect even their troglodytic homes against unwarranted invasion. Men will do as much regardless of law. Its repeal or modification will not aid officers one iota, except in doing that which they should not do. The howl for its repeal by some good men and a great many demagogues may result in a political calamity. The people are going to demand an expression. The pendulum is swinging back into position and men are voting for measures and principles rather than for friends and associates. The result will be governmentally beneficial. It will hasten the dawn of the day when office seekers can be what they are rather than what they are not and never were."

"MUD-SLINGING" BY MOODY

The Coolege Herald, of which J. E. Laney is editor and publisher, in commenting upon Moody's speech at that place reminds Dan when he talks about "mud-slinging" that it was Dan who opened his campaign with "mud-slinging" and gives his opinion of the Moody campaign as follows:

"The address delivered by Mr. Moody in Coolege a few days ago can only be characterized as a work of abuse and vituperations, such as probably never before uttered in a political campaign in Texas. Mr. Moody accuses Mr. Ferguson of 'mud-slinging' but it will be remembered that Mr. Moody opened his campaign first with abuse and 'mud-slinging' against the Fergusons. Mr. Ferguson said in his opening speech that he could not answer Mr. Moody's charges in soft words, for a soft answer would fall on barren fields. Mr. Moody failed to state how in any way he would conduct the affairs of the governor's office if elected, but his speech, as above stated was full of abuse and, in a great way, earned the application given him by Mr. Ferguson—'he's a smart kid.'"

THE KLAN IN POLITICS

Hi Evans' persistent assertion that the klan is not in politics is not accepted as strictly true down in Waller county. The Brookshire News publishes some items that indicate that the klan is perniciously active in that good old county. "Some folks say the klan is dead in Waller county," says A. B. in his "Tit for Tat" column in the News. "No, it is not dead—that is its natural smell.

"The Kluxers held a meeting near Waller a few nights ago. The next day Judge Perry had an opponent for county judge. Now the Kluxers are using their salutation word, Kig-y—which means: 'Klansman, I greet you.'

"The Tax Payers association removed the fiery cross from the court house dome, and by gosh, they are going to see to it that it stays off. The hooded bunch may as well understand right now that their Punch and Judy stuff is not fooling anybody.

"Eighteen months ago Judge Perry slammed on the brakes against the use of the people's court house as a Klan Klavern, which may be another reason why 'many friends throughout the county' are so anxious for him to have opposition. That bunch now has to meet out in the weather and get their beautiful white robes wet. * * * The members of the Tax Payers association will not be fooled, and are ready to meet the hooded bunch on any issue, as they have well armed themselves with poll tax receipts—and you will find that any candidate looking to the Tax Payers association for a split in their vote will be sorely disappointed when the final vote is counted."

WILL SHOW THEIR APPRECIATION

(From the Fayette County Record)

The Ferguson administration is one of the most successful, if not the most successful, from the standpoint of economy and reduction in legislative appropriations that Texas has ever had. Mrs. Ferguson is the first woman governor we have ever had, and the people of Texas are going to show their appreciation of her untiring efforts in behalf of the taxpayers and are going to nominate her for a second term on the first ballot on July 24. This will be nothing but right, for she is entitled to a second term and should not be forced to fight two campaigns to secure the nomination, which belongs to her without a contest.

Texas shows a consumption of gasoline averaging 600 gallons yearly for each motor vehicle registered. At present prices that means that more than \$100,000,000 yearly is paid out by Texas motorists for gasoline. What a joy ride that means!

The status of the gubernatorial campaign as seen by the veteran editor of the Baird Star is "Mrs. Ferguson against the field." The Star says: "When Dan Moody first entered and Zim's speeches it will be seen that it is Mrs. Ferguson against the field."

"The ku klux element everywhere is supporting Dan Moody to a man." This is the statement made by V. V. Warwick, business man of Waco, in an interview given the editor of the Fayette County Record while both were recently in Austin. Mr. Warwick predicts that Governor Ferguson will get a larger vote than she received in 1924, and he has traveled extensively over Texas.

Candidates for various offices mostly resent being accused of klan affiliation or receiving klan support and an instance of this is the case of H. B. McClellan, candidate for tax assessor of Milam county, who brands as false the charge that he is or ever has been a klansman. "I have never found it necessary to join any secret organization to prove my 100 per cent Americanism. I served nineteen months in the American army and sacrificed an arm in the World war." That ought to be sufficient evidence to prove the quality of Mr. McClellan's Americanism and there are thousands of others like him all over Texas.

ONE HOORAY TOO MANY, FOR DAN

The Collingsworth Standard in an editorial under the caption above makes plain what its editor thinks of Dan's chances for nomination as governor of Texas. The Standard approves Jim Ferguson's appellation in which he said Dan is a "smart kid from a small town." The Standard's view of the "One Hooray Too Many," is that "Hooray" uttered by Amon G. Carter at the Thanksgiving day football game at A. & M. college. Here is the way the Standard sizes up Dan's candidacy:

"It looks like phrase-making Jim has coined at least one phrase which will stick—not because Jim coined it but because of its entire aptness. Jim called Dan Moody 'A smart kid from a small town,' and Mr. Dan appears to be doing everything possible to earn the appellation.

"Dan Moody's announcement for the gubernatorial chair is reminiscent of the story about the young chap who felt qualified to start an apiary because he had been stung by a bee. As attorney general little Dan didn't rattle around in his job too much, not because he filled the job to capacity but because he sat still and kept his mouth more or less shut.

"But being governor of the state of Texas is something else again—as Dannie will find out when the votes are counted.

"But Daniel is not to be blamed, entirely, for his altogether unwarranted move. Of all the things for which Amon G. Carter could have yelled 'Hooray' at that football game down at College Station he had to pick the one calculated to have the most far-reaching effect. It will never be understood by the people of Texas nor by his friends nor possibly by himself why he didn't yell for Al Smith or prohibition or the third party or a low tariff.

"But, be that as it may, here is where Dan is culpable. He has reached the age of maturity and should be, even though he appears not to be, able to reason. Everybody, including Dan Moody, Jim Ferguson, Lynch Davidson and Jim Saddler knows that Amon G. Carter isn't in a position to elect anybody to anything. The one thing which Mr. Carter, and also Dan Moody, evidently overlooks is the fact that it takes votes to elect a candidate to office and where Amon G. Carter is going to corral any votes is a puzzle beyond the power of even the most astute, or even the most simple-minded to answer.

"Mr. Carter owns a newspaper, true enough, but Mr. Carter also uses that newspaper for the furtherance of his own personal and private interests, overlooking entirely the fact that the ownership of such a piece of property might be utilized not only to his own advantage but to the advantage and for the benefit of his friends. Speaking frankly, Amon G. Carter has a penchant for associating with and being photographed in the presence of 'who's who in America,' and you may take your own word for it that the votes which elect candidates are not to be found in the roster heretofore mentioned.

"Dan has hitched his wagon to the wrong star, if star he be, and when it's all over young Dan is going to find that he might have done better to have listened with his ear to the ground for the echo of that little hooray which was unwittingly emitted down at the football game."

HOUSTON LABOR JOURNAL ANNI-VERSARY

The Houston Labor Journal, with forty-four pages of excellent editorial, news and miscellaneous articles, liberally interspersed with advertising from financial, commercial, development and material supply concerns and factories, celebrated its thirty-third birthday anniversary with its issue of Friday, May 28. In its epitome, "Looking Backward Over Thirty-Three Years," the Journal recalls some things that show with what tremendous strides the world has moved in a third of a century. Here are just a few extracts:

"When this paper began its career, Houston had about 30,000 inhabitants; now it has approximately 250,000."

"The automobile was unheard of, but the lad who had the price to hire a horse and buggy was the candy kid."

"The girls then wore dresses that touched the ground, and had one of them appeared on the streets in a present-day rig she would have had a crowd following her like the Pied Piper of Hamelin—until the cops interfered."

"The wealthiest man in Houston then was worth possibly a half million dollars. We will not even hazard a guess as to what the present holder of that title is worth. Suffice it to say there are as many millionaires here today as there were saloons 33 years ago."

The Labor Journal also reminds us that politics were as warm, or warmer, in those days a third of a century ago as they are now, and this paragraph recalls one of the most hectic and memorable of Texas political campaigns:

"Jim Hogg was governor of Texas, having just been elected after a campaign that made the present scrap between Ferguson and Moody look like a tea party."

The Labor Journal always is neatly printed, newsy and earnest in its championship of the cause of organized labor. Earl V. Aten is the editor and Victor B. Andrew is the business manager. The Forum extends fraternal greetings and hopes that at the end of the next thirty-three years the Labor Journal may be able to record still greater and more astounding strides toward the front.

ONE EDITOR'S ARGUMENT FOR VOTING FOR MRS. FERGUSON

The editor of the Orange Grove Observer is emphatic in his opposition to kluxerism and Moodyism and in his last issue says: "If for no other reason we would support Governor Ferguson for reelection for having disrobed the Ku Kluxers and pulled the mask from their faces." But that is not all that Editor S. A. Pipes of the Observer has to say about the campaign and the candidates. He says in another place:

"If Dan Moody is not a Ku Kluxer, he is at least the candidate of the Ku Klux Klan. * * * Dan Moody will get at least two and probably three votes out of Orange Grove with five or six going to Lynch Davidson and the balance to 'Ma.' It's too bad that we are so divided at Orange Grove. * * * One of our prominent citizens who has been sporting a flaming red poster on the wind shield of his car, 'Dan's the Man,' is evidently getting 'cold feet' as the poster is no longer to be seen."

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If "Hi" Evans, the imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, don't shake hands until "He" gets there he will go a long, long time without a handclasp.

Texas democracy is aroused and will rally to the standard of efficiency and achievement in the administration of state affairs as represented by Governor Miriam A. Ferguson.

To The Tune of "Auld Lang Syne."

I
Yes, Dan's the man
We mean to can
When Election Day comes round
We know his plan
To use the Klan
We know it by the sound.

II
We see the sheet
In dark retreat,
We see the tar and lash
We'll get his goat
The day we vote
And he will be our hash.

III
Just watch us slip
That pillow slip;
Just listen while it pops.
We'll feed our eagle
A K. K. Kleagle
And give our dogs Cyclops.

IV
We are unafraid
Of Ku's Brigade
And all their wily ways.
We have the stuff
To treat 'em rough
Whatever Daniel says.

V
We know the Klux
Are wicked bucks
Their fight is all in vain,
We'll lick the Klan
And "Fighting Dan"
In spite of Love and Crane.

VI
Old Evans too,
And all his crew
Will meet an awful fate
A star I see
It's Ma, and she
Will run this mighty state.

VII
The owl must hoot
In bad repute,
The eagle's on the wing,
We'll fill the air
With Dan's red hair;
So Sing, Oh, Brother, Sing.

ANTI KLUX.

Road Maintenance Is Taken Over by State Says Highway Head

Austin, Texas, June 2.—Maintenance of all state highways is being taken over by the state, Hal Moseley, chairman of the highway commission, said.

By the middle of June, 64 contracts for the maintenance of roads in about 150 east, northeast and central Texas counties will have expired. Contracts for some of the counties already have expired, and the state is carrying on maintenance.

The maintenance contracts let to contractors by the preceding highway commission headed by Frank Lanham drew the criticism of Attorney General Dan Moody who sought to have contracts in large numbers of counties cancelled on the ground they had not been awarded to low bidders. He charged this failure had cost the state \$150,000.

The state has paid several million dollars to contractors for highway maintenance since April 1925. Moody has charged repeatedly the contracts were let to "political favorites of the administration, many of whom had no experience in road contracting."

Mr. Moseley said all details for the state's taking complete charge of the maintenance program have not been worked out but that ultimately a patrol system would be placed in operation. This plan of maintenance is somewhat similar to the "sectionized" maintenance used by railroads.

Cowbell of 1853 Is Found on Farm Near Bell County Capital

Belton, May 29.—A cow bell bearing the inscription "M. Cross 1853" has been found on the Shanklin farm by C. W. Ellis who lives on route five. The bell is nine inches long and four and one half inches wide. The bell is regarded by Mr. Ellis as an unusual relic and is one of many Mr. Ellis has. Among his collection are horns of various description, some of which have been highly polished by him, trinkets of pioneer days and many other interesting articles. Mr. Ellis has been making a collection of relics of this kind for a number of years.

Hose Is Turned Into Home of University President by Boys

Austin, May 25.—Furniture and carpets in the office of President W. M. W. Splawn of the University of Texas and other offices in the building were damaged several hundred dollars last night when the lower floor was flooded with water from a fire hose. The hose, running full force, was discovered sticking through a window in President Splawn's office this morning. The office and lower floor of the building was covered with about one inch of water. No explanation of the affair could be offered by university officials.

Spanking Is Given Insolent Offender By Muscular Judge

Dunkirk, N. Y., June 2.—Judge Antone Johnson who boasts some 200 pounds of brawn and muscle, took George Goutcher, 42 years old, over his knee in his private office the other day and spanked him. Goutcher was before the court for disorderly conduct on complaint of his wife. After administering the thrashing, Judge Johnson sentenced the prisoner to five days in jail but later suspended the sentence on the plea of Goutcher's wife.

The spanking was in the nature of punishment for contempt of court, as before his arrest, officers told the court, Goutcher had referred to Judge Johnson and the arresting officers in uncomplimentary terms.

Mrs. Ferguson Not Only Governor Whose Acts of Mercy Preachers Scored

Editor Forum: Mrs. Ferguson is not the only candidate for governor who has been abused for tempering justice with mercy in the use of the pardoning power...

The following are a few of the extracts from the speeches of Governor Taylor replying to his critics on the pardoning power...

There are two columns of the human race ever moving onward. One is the happy column, ringing with laughter and song...

I visited the penitentiary and looked in and saw the ghastly stripes of shame and the pallid faces of crime moving to and fro...

I saw ten thousand outstretched hands and heard ten thousand piteous cries for help; and the critics raised their bristles...

I saw repentant men who had suffered long enough, and I sent them back to their starving wives and children...

McKinney, Texas.

THOS. C. ANDREWS.

Ferguson Clubs Organized To Wage Campaign to Give Second Term to Governor

Cooper, Texas, June 2.—A Ferguson for Governor Club has been organized here. G. M. Baker, a farmer who formally lived in Bell county...

Carrollton, Tex., May 30.—This is to advise you that we have a Ferguson for Governor Club of 53 members...

Runaway Colt Lands Actually on Top in Tilt With Big Auto

Butte, June 2.—An automobile and a frisky colt collided on a road near here recently and the colt came out on top...

The automobile was passing a corral just as the colt leaped over the fence to escape from cowboys...

It landed in the corral squarely in front of the automobile, leaped again and came down on top of the car, crushing the top and smashing the windshield...

Mother of 8 Charged With Bootlegging Is Released by Court

Wheeling, W. Va., May 29.—Mrs. Emma Beerlich, widow of one of the 13 victims of the Ben Wood mine explosion...

Counsel for the woman, appointed by the judge, said that shortly after she was widowed by the mine blast, she was awarded compensation by the state...

Plans Complete for Annual Convention of State Teachers

Fort Worth, Texas, May 31.—Plans for the annual convention of the Texas State Teachers Association...

Mr. Bledsoe believes that the El Paso convention will be one of the most largely attended in the history of the association...

Boy of 4 Years Is Dragged to Death By Runaway Mule

Gilmer, Texas, May 29.—Dragged by a mule for more than an hour, the 4 year old son of Isaac Conn, farmer residing near Glenwood...

Echoes of Ferguson Opening Speech Add Enthusiasm to Race

Echoes from the great meeting at Sulphur Springs May 22 when the campaign of Governor Miriam A. Ferguson for re-election as governor was opened are pouring in from all directions and friends write to the Forum that the Governor will first receive a larger vote than in her first race in their respective voting boxes...

One of the most enthusiastic members of the motor cavalcade that made the long hike from Temple to greet Bell county's distinguished daughter on the opening of her campaign is Sam Roddy, of the firm of Roddy Brothers, Temple, a leading merchant and director in the City National bank of Temple...

Dr. Guy Sherrill, of Temple, another member of the cavalcade carried the national colors on his car during the trip with Joe Osaba as assistant standard bearer.

Others who pronounced the Sulphur Springs meeting the greatest political assembly in Texas history were: W. W. Wallace of Holland, Scott Wallace, Judge R. E. Williamson, Miss Dovie Belle Strausburger, J. W. Patterson and wife, John Lewellen, A. D. Holley, John Heff, Charlie Stone, Gene Ferguson all of Temple...

Among the messages received by Governor Ferguson at Sulphur Springs was the following from Frank Putnam, of Milwaukee, former well known newspaper writer and political editor on a Texas paper:

"Governor Miriam Ferguson, Sulphur Springs, Texas. Personal observation and inquiry during a recent visit among old friends in Texas, with later information received from them, convince me you will beat Dan and Lynch in the primary as emphatically as you will beat the Klan-Republican nominee in November...

"I visited the penitentiary and looked in and saw the ghastly stripes of shame and the pallid faces of crime moving to and fro, laboring under the lash of the law and sprinkling from the scorn of their fellow men..."

THOS. C. ANDREWS.

Check for \$1,052,488 Closes Transfer of Kerrville Hospital

Austin, Texas, June 2.—The Texas general fund has been enriched by \$1,052,488 as a result of the United States government buying the American Legion Memorial Hospital at Kerrville...

There is one section of Texas I have failed to notice where any writer has given what I would call a full and complete description of the roads and the system and manner in which they have been maintained...

Last July the board fixed the rate at 77c, all the constitution allows, being 35c each for general purposes and 7c for pensions...

Present tax values in Texas aggregate \$3,602,217,000 and \$c on each \$100 would mean \$1,080,665, or about the amount of the deposit made to the credit of the general fund by Dr. Harrington...

The state automatic tax board will meet about July 20, or four days before the primary election, to fix the state tax rate...

Mr. Stewart said the increase last year was approximately \$115,000,000 over the previous year...

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Special Session Will Not Be Called Until Fall Is Answer of Gov. Ferguson

Austin, Texas, June 2.—The Texas legislature will not be convened in special session until September or October, is the decision announced by Governor Miriam A. Ferguson in her reply to J. A. Kemp...

"This will formally acknowledge receipt of the communication of May 17th presented by you and other prominent citizens composing the committee having in hand the matter of calling the legislature in special session for the purpose of passing legislation that will relieve road district bonds of the effect of a decision recently rendered by the supreme court of the United States in what is known as the Archer county case..."

"There is also attached to your said communication a copy of a bill prepared by prominent eastern bond attorneys who are of the opinion that said bill will meet the situation and validate the road district bonds heretofore issued in different parts of the state..."

"I have sought the advice of able attorneys upon the bills presented and I have been advised that it is not quite clear that these bills will meet the objections raised by the supreme court of the United States in the Archer county case..."

"However, I believe you will quite agree after having received all the facts that it would be impracticable at this time to convene the legislature in special session for the reason that the summer time primary elections are soon at hand and it would require more than 30 days and probably 60 days to pass the special acts presented by you under even a suspension of the rules..."

"Therefore, I have decided that it will not be best to convene the legislature in special session at this time, but I will defer the matter until some time in September or the first part of October, and in the mean time I will have such investigation made as to the sufficiency of the bills presented by you..."

"I want to thank you and the members of the committee who have had this matter in hand for your patriotic interest in this important matter, and I assure you that it will be my purpose to maintain the financial honor of the state in all things..."

Scenic Highway of Texas Through Picturesque Part of This State Described

By L. E. Laurence. Many articles have appeared in the State Highway Magazine reporting conditions of roads over the state and many other subjects closely akin to it...

You then leave Fredericksburg, in a northwest direction, over State Highway No. 9, and after a few miles travel you enter Mason county and travel over a road which is hard surfaced with a red gravel granite and for beautiful smoothness and the maintenance upkeep thereof no one can paint a word picture that will do justice to the road and those who maintain it...

Before you reach the town of Mason you cross the beautiful Llano river and one is tempted to stop and cast his line for some of the finny tribe which abound in this clear sparkling stream...

You leave Mason and continue to travel a road of smoothness and just as you leave the confines of Mason county you cross over another stream which sends towards the Gulf beautiful pure clear water, which also teems with fish of every kind...

You then enter beautiful McCulloch county—named for that great and noted Confederate soldier, patriot and hero—General Ben McCulloch...

The first town you come to is the beautiful little town of Dripping Springs, Hays county, a town of a few hundred souls, situated on the Cedar Hills of Hays county...

The next town you reach is Johnson City, county seat of Blanco county, which is a town of possibly five hundred population and located in a picturesque country among the blue bonnets hills which are literally covered with beautiful flowers and the fragrance is such that you can not help but thank God for making such a beautiful picture for you to gaze upon and for placing such sweet odors in the air to bless mankind with...

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and through the Brady Creek Valley. A richer farming country cannot be found and a more contented and prosperous people cannot be found. You then enter the Welcome Gates of the City of Eden, Concho county, Texas, which is located on a hill and the beckoning lights are always shining. This town is the terminus of the G. C. & S. F. Railway and has a population of some two thousand people who are contented and prosperous...

You now leave on the last lap of fifty miles of this story and you travel over an open country over a road that has been built of earth and one that cannot be excelled for smoothness. You pass out of Concho county and enter Tom Green county, likewise named for that great and grand soldier and hero, you pass through a country that you can see as far as your vision will permit...

"Rainbow's End" as it is likewise known. This city claims to be the only city this writer has visited that has an enormous electric sign across the main street reading "Welcome". This city is the home of the Division Engineer's office of Division No. 7, and that gentle accommodating and courteous gentleman, Mr. H. L. George is Division Engineer, whose code of ethics and consideration of his fellow-men are as gentle and kind as a woman, yet endowed with intelligence and determination that will surely carry anyone to success...

Before I close I am constrained to give you a close-up of another picture which I believe deserves special mention and that is this: The division shops and warehouses are also maintained at San Angelo and Hon. Joe Burket while State Highway Commissioner likewise selected a man to be in charge of same, who represents everything that is intended of a real gentleman and mechanic for if Senator Burket made appointments at all over his section of Texas as he did in Division No. 7, then indeed the people of Texas are under lasting obligations to him for the work of the highest type...

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J. HOWARD CUMMINS, Dallas, Texas.

Mefo Reminded That Folks in Country Are For Gov. Ferguson

Editor Forum: I am enclosing a copy of a letter that I wrote to Mefo and his comment thereon. I have always admired Mefo and recognize the valiant service he rendered his state and country by his stand against that insidious foe to authorized government...

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Dear Mefo: While I have been an admirer of your columns for quite a long while, I now find that I must take issue with you on your stand in the coming gubernatorial contest. In fact I can not understand a man of your character, who has always opposed anarchy and chaos lining up with men of the Tom Love type...

When we remember that our forefathers crossed an unknown sea and braved the perils of a hostile wilderness in order that they might have religious freedom, then should we not be fair enough to give the Catholic and the Jew this same privilege? I must admit that you and The Houston Chronicle have been potent factors in combatting this fanaticism which must necessarily lead to chaos and ruin...

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