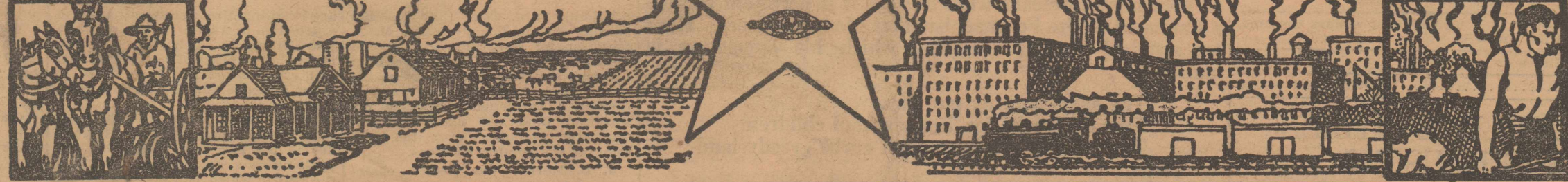


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## Dan Talks of Search and Seizure Law But Fails to Reveal His Position on It

At last Dan Moody has been brought to the attention of the voters of Texas and the lovers of liberty demand to hear something from him on the Search and Seizure law which his Ku Klux friends have so brazenly denounced. At Yoakum and at Gonzales he forgot to say if he favored retaining the law of Texas or if he would, should he be elected governor, recommend its repeal. He told his audiences that it was the enactment of a constitutional provision into statute law but failed utterly to say what he thought of it, save and except this:

"It is neither as great as some boast nor as bad as others say."

Evidently Moody in his travels has discovered that this is not a Jim Ferguson issue but a democratic issue raised by democratic voters and when he got into that sturdy democratic section of Texas around historic Gonzales and Yoakum he woke up to the fact that he must say something and that is all he did. He did not give his position, he merely recited that fact that the Search and Seizure law is a statutory enactment of a constitutional provision. Any Texas high school boy knows that.

What thinks Moody of it? Does he favor its retention or repeal, that is the question democrats who love constitutional liberty are asking the young hero? Here is a communication on the subject from a rugged old democrat who has weathered many stormy campaigns and still believes in constitutional government:

Editor Forum: The Chronicle editorial several days ago said, speaking of Dan Moody, "He has told Texas just what he is, what he stands for and what he believes in."

The writer must differ with the Chronicle. Dan's answer to pardon practice was evasive. He said about this—that he would pardon more than Governor Neff but not as many as Mrs. Ferguson.

Three gentlemen from Navasota wrote Dan asking him how he stood on the Search and Seizure law. He refused to commit himself. Jim Ferguson has tried to get him to commit himself on this most important question. He has not committed himself yet. At Gonzales the San Antonio Express says, "Moody defends Search and Seizure Law." He did not. As I predicted a month ago, he straddled, evaded, if you please. This is his language. "The Search and Seizure law does not have the virtues that some claim for it. Nor does it have the vice critics say it has."

Dan says:

"Ferguson is going around over Texas telling the people that if I am elected I will turn the Rangers loose and repeal the Search and Seizure law," he said. "Old Jim does not know that the Search and Seizure law is merely a re-enactment in effect of provisions in our Constitution and Bill of Rights which makes our home, persons, papers and effects secure from unwarranted search."

Dan has not declared his position yet. His answer reminds me of a snake track, you can't tell which way he is going, whether he is going in or coming out. Dan says old Jim don't know that the Search and Seizure law is merely a re-enactment of the Constitutional Bill of Rights. Yes Jim knows it, and millions more know it. But there was no statute providing a penalty. Yes the citizens could and ought to shoot an officer or one impersonating an officer, just as they would a burglar or mad dog if he enters a home without a search warrant. But the people pay taxes for the protection of life and property. They don't want to take the law in their hands; that breeds anarchy.

Read the papers today of the murder of Mr. Lange of Burtleson county in the presence of his family. Such cases as that had become common by Ku Klux and Mr. Neff refused to even try to put a stop to such acts, so far as the writer knows. That is the reason why Senator Wirtz urged the passage of the Search and Seizure bill so that a penalty could be laid on violators of the bill of rights. The Austin American quotes Dan saying at Gonzales:

"The provision against unreasonable search has been the law in Texas for 50 years, Moody said. The new statute, he added, has not all the virtues some of its friends boast nor has it all the iniquities its enemies charge."

Again he does not declare himself. His answer reminds me of a case in court in which the state tried to discredit a colored woman witness. The court said, "Aunt Nancy, tell the jury in your own language what you know about Sallie Johnson as to truth and veracity." "Well, Judge, sometimes I think she tells the truth, and sometimes I don't think she tells the truth. As to her veracity—some say she does, and some say she don't, and some folks shore do 'spection her."

This colored woman answered the judge as well as Dan did his stand on Search and Seizure Law, and answer the Anti-Mask Law.

As for me I want a governor who can say yes or no on such vital questions. The fact is, Texas under Mrs. Ferguson's administration is in far better condition than for many years. Let me entreat you, readers, to stand by the Search and Seizure law and the Anti-Mask law and Mrs. Ferguson for another term. One good term deserves another term. The Ku Klux, Anti-Saloon league and nearly every peace officer are against the Search and Seizure law. Dan Moody may not belong to the Ku Klux—my opinion is the Ku Klux belong to Dan—and if elected will control him.

Lockhart, Texas.

LEA BEATY,

### TO OUR FRIENDS

Guy Holcomb, campaign manager for Governor Miriam A. Ferguson, has opened state headquarters at Austin in the Driskill Hotel and will be glad to have friends of the administration call.

Campaign literature, speeches and other material can be obtained by addressing Mr. Holcomb at the Driskill Hotel, Austin.

Write direct to Mr. Holcomb for supplies and information.

## THE SECOND WEEK OUT

The Moody hate campaign is blowing up. Regardless of what the Ferguson family may have done or not done, the intelligent voter is fast coming to the conclusion that there has been no good reason offered for a change, by not giving Ma a second term.

From Corpus Christi I went to the Rio Grande Valley country, which is now becoming one of the richest farming countries in the whole world. I arrived at Harlingen on Sunday morning, where I was met by a committee composed of the Stuart boys, who are perhaps the largest individual farmers in the Harlingen section, and there were in the party Oscar Dancy, now county judge of Cameron county, and Judge A. M. Kent, district judge, Jim Fox, tax collector, and my young friends, Carter and Sternberg, and also my good friend John Myrick, one of the prominent lawyers of that section. My old school comrade friend, Jim Bishop, now county auditor, was on hand, and John Scanlon, the district clerk, was there too, and all gave me the glad hand and welcomed me to the Valley.

Before I arrived they had formed a Ma Ferguson club composed of 50 of the best people in Cameron county and they agreed to work from now until election day to roll up the biggest majority for Ma that has ever been given any governor.

My first speaking date was at McAllen in Hidalgo county. The meeting was presided over by the mayor and I was introduced by my old time friend, Judge J. E. Leslie. There was at least 4,000 people in the audience which included many people from adjoining counties. A large delegation headed by my friends, the Guerra boys, was on hand from Starr county. The Guerras are influential people and they assured me that Ma would get 95 per cent of the votes in Starr county.

I had a very enthusiastic crowd. When I began to discuss and read Dan Moody's war record about 20 ruffians began to shout "Hurrah for Moody." They tried to break up the meeting, but the audience was so overwhelming against them that they had to shut up.

The next day I spoke to about 3,000 people in the Harlingen Fair grounds grand stand. Judge Dancy presided and Bob Stuart introduced me.

In my feeble, stammering way I defended the governor's administration, and paid my respects to Dan Moody. As soon as I began to read Dan's war record, another bunch of ruffians, about 20 in number, over half of which were drunk, began to raise another disturbance. The remarkable thing about these hecklers that are showing up at my speakings is that they begin just as they did in Houston, when I begin to read the certified Washington records on Dan's war record. Just as soon as I start reading they begin to howl like a cur dog that had been scalded with hot water.

The leader of the gang was an ex-convict who had been convicted for disloyalty to the government during the war and sentenced to the penitentiary for 25 years and was pardoned by Hobby after a little over a year's service. It is astonishing how these slackers stick together.

Of the 10,000 votes in Cameron and Hidalgo counties my wife will get 7,000 and Lynch Davidson will get 1,500 and Moody will get 1,500. Just keep this prediction for future reference.

I came back home and spent one day in Austin. It is now openly admitted that Moody is losing his lead in Austin. The Moody woman's club in Austin has almost broken up in a row and they are no longer active.

My next date was at Cleburne. My old time stand by friends, Jim Gray and Frank West and their good wives, were at the depot to meet me. The continued loyalty of these (what I call my pistol pocket) friends is an inspiration that keeps a man going when the road sometimes gets rocky and hard to travel. Judge Chrisman was also there and introduced me to the audience of 5,000 people. Senator Ward also made a speech.

Koss Barry was there from Bosque county. My old time friend B. W. Morris from Hood county was there and my dear old friend, Mrs. Rogers, an old time Primitive Baptist mother, was there and sat on the platform and told me that God had already predestined Ma to be elected and for me not to worry. The statement pleased me, for you know I believe that the Hardshell Baptist has about 95 per cent the best of the argument when we come to talk about the power and providence of God.

Most of the Cleburne crowd was farmers, but there were many Santa Fe employees also on hand. I am sure Ma will carry Johnson county by 600 majority and our friends think that we will carry Cleburne for the first time.

From Cleburne I went to Arlington, between Dallas and Fort Worth, for a night date. Web Rose and my friend Coulter headed a committee to bring me from Cleburne about 40 miles.

The Arlington crowd was easily 7,500. There were 1,872 automo-

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## Democratic Committee of Texas Adopts Resolutions Endorsing Gov. Ferguson

The administration of Miriam A. Ferguson as governor of Texas was given unqualified endorsement by the state democratic executive committee which met Monday, June 14, at Wichita Falls to announce the ticket of state candidates and to select a place for the meeting of the state convention September 7.

The resolutions adopted by the committee by a vote of 13 to 7 read as follows:

Resolved, That we, the State Democratic Executive Committee, in regular session at this time, give our full and complete indorsement to the present State Democratic officers and commend their administration of the affairs of the State as being economical, faithful and efficient.

And we further go on record as favoring the time-honored Democratic precedent of a second term for all faithful, efficient public servants.

That it is the sense of the State Democratic Executive Committee that those charged with the duty of providing for the holding of the Democratic primary elections in Texas, should, as far as possible, see that none but Democrats participate in such elections, and we now declare that the best test of a voter's Democracy is his support of the regular nominees of the party.

These resolutions were signed by Harry Tom King, Abilene, chairman of the subcommittee that prepared them; Cecil H. Smith, Sherman, and Walter W. Jones, Mineola. Immediately after they had been read, Mr. King moved their adoption and B. Y. Cummings seconded the motion.

All substitutes and amendments were voted and down the resolutions as above set out were adopted.

Following is the list of candidates whose names were ordered certified to the various county chairmen for places on the official ballot:

For Governor: Lynch Davidson of Bell county, Miriam A. Ferguson of Bexar, Dan Moody of Bexar, Edith E. Wilkins of Dallas and O. F. Zimmerman of Morris.

Lieutenant Governor: Barry Miller, Dallas.

Attorney General: James V. Allred, Wichita Falls; Charles L. Brachfield, Rusk; Thomas Simpson Christopher, Dallas; John W. Hornsby, Travis; T. K. Irwin, Dallas; Claude Pollard, Harris.

Comptroller of Public Accounts: S. H. Terrell, McLennan.

State Treasurer: J. R. Ball, Fanning; Ed A. Christopher Jr., Bexar; Lon Garner, Stephens; George B. Garrett, Dallas; Grover Cleveland Harris, Dallas; W. Gregory Hather, Dallas; G. E. Johnson, Jones.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction: W. W. Bennett, Dallas; J. A. Humphries, Rockley; S. M. N. Marks, Travis.

Commissioner of Agriculture: T. R. Bolin, Morris; George B. Terrell, Cherokee.

Land Commissioner: Charles E. Baughman, Brown; Robert E. Speer, Dallas; C. V. Terrell, Wise.

Associate Justice of the Supreme Court: William Pierson, Hunt.

Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals: F. L. Hawkins, Ellis; Lee P. Pierson, Dallas.

Chairman Eldison announced that Edwin R. York of Austin had announced his withdrawal from the race for lieutenant governor and that

the fee had paid for filing his name would be returned. This leaves Lieutenant Governor Barry Miller of Dallas unopposed for re-election.

The resignation of Dwight Llewelling as a member of the committee, due to his plans to enter the ministry, was read, the resignation to take effect with the close of the meeting here. E. B. Blalock of Woodlawn moved that the chairman be instructed to appoint R. B. Humphrey of Dallas, holding Mr. Llewelling's proxy at the meeting here, to succeed Llewelling. This motion carried.

The committee ratified recess appointments by the chairman of C. E. Kelly of El Paso to take the place of A. M. Avant of Marfa, deceased, and B. R. Wall of Grapevine, to take the place of J. E. Mercer of Fort Worth, recently appointed district judge.

Attendance at the meeting numbered twenty-six, including the chairman, ten proxies being exercised. Members of the committee not present or represented by proxies included Sid Crumpton, Texarkana; Claud Isbell, Rockwall; Charles J. Stubbs, Galveston; R. P. Field, Victoria, and Sam McCollum, Brady.

### E. G. Thornton Named District Judge For Wichita Falls Court

Austin, Texas, June 16.—E. G. Thornton of Wichita Falls was appointed by Governor Miriam A. Ferguson to succeed Judge H. R. Wilson of the thirteenth district court.

### FERGUSON SPEAKING DATES

Midland	Thursday, June 17, 3 P. M.
Abilene	Friday, June 18, 8 P. M.
Cisco	Saturday, June 19, 3 P. M.
Rockdale	Tuesday, June 22, 3 P. M.
Marquez	Wednesday, June 23, 3 P. M.
Jacksonville	Thursday, June 24, 3 P. M.
Tyler	Friday, June 25, 8 P. M.
Marshall	Saturday, June 26, 8 P. M.
Linden	Monday, June 28, 3 P. M.
Clarksville	Tuesday, June 29, 3 P. M.
Paris	Tuesday, June 29, 8 P. M.
Bonham	Wednesday, June 30, 3 P. M.
Farmersville	Thursday, July 1, 3 P. M.
Denton	Friday, July 2, 3 P. M.
Weatherford	Saturday, July 3, 3 P. M.
Plum	Monday, July 5, 3 P. M.
Brenham	Tuesday, July 6, 11 A. M.
Livingston	Wednesday, July 7, 3 P. M.
Lufkin	Thursday, July 8, 3 P. M.
Nacogdoches	Friday, July 9, 3 P. M.
Center	Saturday, July 10, 3 P. M.
Henderson	Monday, July 12, 3 P. M.
Brownwood	Wednesday, July 14, 3 P. M.
Ballinger	Thursday, July 15, 3 P. M.
San Angelo	Friday, July 16, 3 P. M.
Stephenville	Saturday, July 17, 3 P. M.
Fort Worth	Tuesday, July 20, 8 P. M.
Dallas	Wednesday, July 21, 8 P. M.
Waxahachie	Thursday, July 22, 3 P. M.
Austin	Friday, July 23, 8 P. M.



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VENERABLE ABILENE CITIZEN APPROVES FERGUSONS.

The following brief but eloquent letter has been received by the Forum from a veteran at Abilene who has witnessed political campaigns in Texas for seventy years. This venerable man, William Slaughter Sr., addresses his words to former Governor Ferguson to whom he says:
'I have just been reading your address in the press. I have been the sway of politics in Texas seventy years; have never had any kin in the penitentiary that I know of. I want to commend you on your mention of the present governor's pardoning, when you said that she might have erred on the side of mercy, but thank God! she will have the courage to err again if the cause of mercy demands.'

TIMELY REMINDER FOR COLQUITT

The air of saintliness with which Oscar Budweiser Colquitt prates of his desire as a "good citizen" to help Tom Love boost Dan Moody in order to redeem "Texas from the unsavory political condition into which it has fallen" has provoked one of Colquitt's former supporters to remind Oscar Budweiser that there was talk of "unsavory" things in connection with Colquitt's administrations.
In the Hebronville News, edited by Jeff: McLemore, there appears a communication from a citizen of Goliad in which the Goliad man reminds Colquitt of some interesting Texas political history, and expresses surprise that Colquitt should permit his personal animosity to drive him into association with those who only a few years ago vigorously denounced him. Here is a portion of the communication taken from the Hebronville News of last week:

"Does not Mr. Colquitt know that this 'unsavory political condition' exists largely, if not altogether, in the minds of those who have a grievance, personal or otherwise, against Mrs. Ferguson, or her husband, and not because of any delinquencies of Governor Ferguson's administration? And does not Mr. Colquitt know that the same reason he advances for opposing Governor Ferguson was the reason the late Dr. Rankin and his cohorts advanced in opposing Colquitt and belittling his administrations? Notwithstanding all this, Texas was not 'ruined' by Governor Colquitt's administrations, although in the minds of many, and which still exists with them, the state was in a most 'unsavory political condition' under Governor Colquitt. A prejudiced and vicious press is doing the harm, if any harm is being done, to Texas, and not Governor Ferguson's administration. Governor Ferguson defeated an unforgiving crowd of political highlanders two years ago, and were her administration perfect and her husband all the while in China, this same unforgiving crowd would still be finding fault and would create excuses if there were none.
'Mrs. Ferguson is human and may have made mistakes, but she has made fewer than some of her predecessors, and there are many people who believe that her administration has been of more real benefit to the state than that of any other governor for many years past. I was always a friend and supporter of Mr. Colquitt, and I am a little surprised that he should let a personal grievance (and that's what I think it is) drive him to consort with those who now applaud him, not because they love him, but rather because they like to hear the Fergusons deprecatd. Mr. Colquitt is now in the same crowd that always opposed him in his political aspirations, and which again proves that politics makes strange bedfellows.

"The idea of O. B. Colquitt working in harmony with Tom Love is something I cannot easily understand. Mrs. Ferguson is asking for her second term, and if there was ever a man who ought to stand by this second-term proposition, that man is Oscar Branch Colquitt, who made it the burden of his song and the theme of his speeches, and who pleaded night and day with the people not to break the second-term tradition when Judge Ramsay tried to defeat him for his second term as governor. If Governor Ferguson will revive those old speeches made by Governor Colquitt when Judge Ramsay and the crowd Colquitt is now mingling with tried to defeat him, she will need nothing better with which to repel the attacks Mr. Colquitt is now making on her candidacy. I know that people are prone to forget, but Mr. Colquitt is one man who ought to remember."

MOODY'S INTOLERANT FOLLOWERS

In common with all other democrats who think for themselves and permit others to do the same, Editor Laney, of the Coodledge Herald, is being made a target for intolerant and spiteful criticism. The Herald is supporting Mrs. Ferguson for second term in accordance with democratic tradition but some Mexia woman, who is supporting Dan Moody, censures him and recommends that he "get into the Moody band wagon." This woman's criticism is published in a Mexia newspaper and Editor Laney in taking notice of it gives utterance to some old time democratic thoughts. In the course of his comments he says:
"The article, in general, would take from our free born American privilege to support whomsoever our conscience might dictate and suggests that the Herald editor 'get on the Dan Moody band wagon.' To this, our saucy reply is that if Mr. Moody is nominated in the primaries, we will vote the ticket straight in November, however painful it might be. Such was the case of the Herald man in 1924. Mrs. Ferguson was not our choice, which sets at peace the paragraph in the write-up which says: 'It is easy to see that this editor is a typical follower of Jim Ferguson.' When the general election came along, rather than vote a republican ticket, we went to the polls and voted for the democratic nominee. Just like any other democrat should have done, and should do next November."

After discussing some other features of the woman writer's article Editor Laney reminds her that Dan has "been plucked too green," and adds:
"This reminds us of the little story told on Mr. Moody during his childhood days. His teacher found him crying hysterically one day and upon ascertaining the cause, he finally caught the answer: 'I want to be governor.' Such an ambition is laudable, but when it implies the act of denouncing a tradition in order to make possible the dreams and visions of a youthful mind, then is when we have more regard for the old custom of granting a second term to faithful office holders. We are not willing to destroy the principles of democracy and refuse to give Mrs. Ferguson the second term she so richly deserves at the hands of the democrats, in order to gratify the wishes of a would-be governor, who seems to have been plucked too green."

The endorsement by the democratic state executive committee of the Ferguson administration is a merited tribute to efficiency and capable performance of duty.

WHAT MOODY IS OPPOSING

Dan Moody, candidate for governor has made this statement: "I am opposed to Fergusonism and all that Fergusonism stands for." He never has qualified or modified that statement and on the theory that a candidate so impregnated with honesty means what he says it is pertinent to give a statement of the Fergusonism that Moody opposes. Here are some of the items against which his opposition is launched:

- The semi-monthly pay day.
Free textbooks for Texas school children.
The land tenant law which curbs greedy landlords.
Taking insane and decrepit unfortunates out of filthy jails and placing them in comfortable quarters.
Putting the penitentiary system upon a cash basis with inherited debts paid.
Tearing the masks and hoods from the Ku Klux Klan and stopping river bottom tar and feather parties.
The search and seizure law which protects the home against marauding hi-jackers posing as officers of the law.
Adequate appropriations for schools, both rural schools and colleges of higher education.
Cessation of lynchings in Texas.
A treasury overflowing with cash.
Law enforcement for rich and poor alike.
Showing that mercy which preachers plead for on Sunday and denounce every week day.

Dan Moody is unqualifiedly against these things and says so because he says he is opposed to Fergusonism and everything that Fergusonism stands for.

SPECIAL SESSION NOT NEEDED

That a special session of the legislature is not needed is the opinion of Judge J. S. Wood of Kaufman, and Judge Wood, a fine lawyer and well known all over East Texas, has been a consistent opponent of the Fergusons. On a recent visit to Terrell, Judge Wood made the statement that Governor Ferguson acted wisely in not calling a special session. The Terrell Times prints this article in regard to Judge Wood's statement:

"Judge J. S. Wood of Kaufman was in Terrell one day last week, shaking hands with his many friends. Judge Wood says that Governor Ferguson's refusal to call a session to validate road bonds was one of the most sensible things a governor ever did. The legislature cannot validate bonds outlawed by the supreme court of the United States, according to his opinion, and he says it would be foolish to call a session for such a purpose."

When a lawyer of recognized ability makes such a statement, it is entitled to greater weight than the mere dictum of J. A. Kemp, who has assumed to challenge the judgment of the governor in waiting to get assurance that a special session can accomplish effective validation of bonds.

MOODY'S FRIENDS USE KLAN METHODS

Anonymity and secrecy are characteristic of the Ku Klux Klan, and the practice of such methods by friends of Dan Moody strengthens the belief that the Klan is actively giving its support to the candidacy of the attorney general in his effort to defeat a good governor for a second term.

An example of klan secrecy and concealment of identity while attacking others is cited by the Fayette County Record, whose editor received an anonymous missive evidently from one versed in klan methods. The Record editor relates the incident as follows:

"The editor of the Record received a clipping from the Houston Chronicle, bearing a La Grange postmark, and on it was written a request to publish it. A slap at the editor, also, was taken by the unidentified sender. The article referred to is an editorial boosting Moody as a 'lifelong prohibitionist' and 'virile enemy' of the Ku Klux Klan, and it goes on to say that Dan is 'his own man,' and not, as Mr. Ferguson would intimate, 'somebody else's man.'

"Coming from a Moody supporter, the editor is not at all surprised that the sender kept secret his identity, for most Moody supporters believe in that secret stuff; they are great to parade with bed sheets and pillow slips, in the dark of the night, but openly, where the world can see them or recognize them, most of them are not there. The method adopted by the sender resembles the Ku Klux methods very much: to injure your fellowman and keep your identity secret.

"Now, this writer does not fall out with anyone for supporting Dan Moody for governor if they believe the people's welfare would best be preserved by electing him governor. But he fails to see why a Moody supporter feels called upon to insult the editor because he exercises the same right that he concedes to every other citizen—to vote for that candidate who he believes will make Texas the best governor.

"To the mind of this writer, Mrs. Ferguson, with the aid of her good husband, has given Texas the best administration of any governor in the history of the Lone Star state. That being true, he would be unfair to himself and to all the people of the state, and, last but not least, he would be unfair to Texas' best governor if he failed to advocate her re-election to a second term. And right here this writer puts the Moody supporters on notice that no Ku Klux methods will ever get any boost for Dan Moody out of this paper. So boys, cut out your foolishness, before you convince the most skeptical that 'Dan's the man of the Ku Klux Klan.'"

A CORRECTION

Attention of the Forum has been called to an error in publishing a copy of an open letter written by C. P. Williams to the Abilene Reporter. Mr. Williams, whose address is Box 455, Post, Texas, sent us a copy of the letter he had written to the Reporter with permission to print it. The types made his address Box 425, Cost, Texas. The Forum prints this correction because we know that the enemies of the Fergusons are watching and hunting for any possible item which they may assail as incorrect. The letters in the Forum are authentic, as Dan probably knows from having received originals of many of those whose copies have been printed in the Forum.

Send in your subscription to The Forum if your not already on our rolls.

Read The Forum when you want to know just what the political news of Texas is.

The state democratic convention will be held in San Antonio, September 7. That will be a historic convention in a historic city.

Out in West Texas this week three candidates for governor have been talking to the people, but the forecast of an overwhelming majority for Governor Ferguson for a second term still stands.

Wichita Falls Ferguson Club Voices Optimism in Outcome of This Campaign

Wichita Falls, Tex., June 15.—Espousing the candidacy of Mrs. M. A. Ferguson for re-election to a second term as governor of Texas, more than 120 men and women gathered at the court house Monday night, June 7, formed a permanent Ferguson for Governor Club and manifested enthusiastic optimism over the outcome of the coming elections.
J. B. Marlow was elected chairman of the permanent organization; Joe L. Art, was named chairman of the finance committee with the following members: F. W. Fischer, J. E. Stanley, W. T. Willis and Dan Hardy. The following reception committee was also named: J. I. Staley, W. T. Willis, D. M. Hardy, J. L. Art, W. B. McNeely, W. F. Weeks, C. K. Walsh, F. W. Fischer, Judge J. L. Lackey, A. C. Strauss, Dan Carithers, J. E. Robertson, W. F. Wallace and J. E. Moore.

Throughout the meeting much enthusiasm was displayed by those who gathered and the belief was expressed in words and actions that Mrs. Ferguson would be re-elected to the governor's chair, "carrying out the record of the Democratic party since the civil war, and be returned to office for a second term."
Immediately after Mr. Marlow was elected chairman of the organization, C. C. McDonald was called upon for an address. He stated that the letters now being received by the Forum editor from every part of the state were most optimistic. Heretofore, the speaker related, when Ferguson was beaten, the letters received by the Forum always contained plaintive strains, but now he said all register optimism and enthusiasm.
"Texas has never had a more able administration than she has the past two years. Neither one of the opposing candidates has dared to jump on Ma's record but instead they are jumping on Jim. Little Felix jumped on him two years ago and Felix went down. Dr. Butte jumped on Jim and he went down too," Mr. McDonald related.

Continuing, he said, "Only once in 25 years have the common people been represented in the governor's office or the president's chair. During the past two years the average citizen has had a direct representative in the highest office of the state and quite naturally the larger interests which as well as many employees of the state, carry their vouchers for months and in many instances be forced to sell them at a discount.
To the insane it means back to the jails.
To the penitentiary system it means heavy indebtedness and an appropriation of the taxpayers' money to maintain.
If it has reference to morals, I will say without fear of contradiction that no man or woman in the United States can produce a cleaner record than Governor and Ex-Governor Ferguson. If it refers to honesty I say freely that no man has ever been investigated and traced like Ex-Governor Ferguson and as little found against his integrity.

So after all, please tell us what you mean by Fergusonism, if it isn't what he has accomplished.
At what he has accomplished, Moody was strong for Fergusonism until the governor bee stung him, then Fergusonism was all wrong, so to sum it all up, the thing that is cramping these birds is envy and jealousy and not patriotism. If Dan was really patriotic and loved his country so much, he would have stepped right in with the rest of us and helped lick the enemy. When Germanism threatened us Dan wasn't mad, but it sure riled him for Fergusonism to stand between him and the governor's office and brought all his reserve patriotism to the surface."

C. L. POWER, Temple, Texas.

Special Session of No Avail for Bonds Is Lawyer's Opinion

(Dallas News.)
For several months the leading dailies have been headlined and filled with editorials, as well as numerous speeches, of one of the candidates for governor demanding the special session of the legislature to validate some of the road bonds issued by various districts. Some have gone so far as to say that even the integrity of the state is being impaired.

Not, if we would admit that the legislature of Texas should enact a law that would in effect abridge the constitution of the United States, the calling of a special session of the legislature in an attempt to validate the bonds would no doubt result in the immediate filing of suits to cancel the bonds. There is one such district in this county, and while the overburdened taxpayers have not attempted to repudiate them, many of them state that if a few politicians succeed in calling the legislature together and burden them with their part of the expense they will file a suit to cancel the bonds as soon as the call is made. I know of my own knowledge that the taxpayers did not receive 20 per cent value for these bonds, and there may be many others who feel like ours do, and if such is the case the call for the special session would be very disastrous. The taxpayers

would prefer some legislation for their protection, for instance, a law prohibiting commissioners' courts from issuing interest-bearing warrants, bearing 6 per cent interest and payable from 20 to 40 years from date, without a vote of the people.
There is now such a law on the statutes with reference to issuing bonds, and it was never intended by the legislature that commissioners' courts could issue warrants in unlimited amounts. A great deal of this stuff about calling the legislature together to validate the bonds has been put out by parties who have no idea of how the taxpayers who are paying the bonds feel about the matter. They are not a state debt, but a debt imposed on the taxpayers by chambers of commerce, a majority of which are clerks, barbers, tailors and various others whose tax receipt consists of a poll tax.

JAMES A. STEPHENS, Benjamin, Texas.

Special Judges For Two Counties Named By Gov. Ferguson

Austin, Tex., June 16.—Governor Miriam A. Ferguson has appointed John Davenport special judge in Wichita Falls, disqualified in the case of L. H. Fullbright vs. Empire Mortgage company, and appointed C. M. Supple special judge in Ellis county for Y. D. Kempie, special judge in Waxahachie, being disqualified.

Rally, Ye Lovers of Freedom

Editor Forum:
If my humble station—that of the poet—can be of any service to you in your present conflict with the private interests that seek to hog the our great commonwealth, I shall be only too glad to place same at your disposal.
You will find enclosed a little poem of my own composition, entitled "Rally, Ye Lovers of Freedom."

Yours very humbly, W. M. WATERS, Corsicana, Texas.

RALLY, YE LOVERS OF FREEDOM

Look up the land, look down the land,
The common people—how do they stand?
Nine out of ten of the working men
This answer you'll get from them:
'I don't like the man, this 'Honest Dan.'
Who's out to slander Jim
So I think you'll see, and agree with me
When the race draws to a close
That the scheming plan of 'Honest Dan'
Will be lying on its nose.
When the polls all are counting
And the voters have made the choice,
I think you'll find the figures mounting,
Hear the farmer's lusty voice,
So be of cheer, my fretting man,
And lend your help to him
Who's out to beat this 'Honest Dan.'
Three cheers for Faithful Jim!"
THE AUTHOR.

J. R. Ball, of Fannin, Makes Campaign for Office of Treasurer

J. R. Ball, of Fannin county, who is a candidate for state treasurer, is making an active campaign among the voters of the state and is telling them his qualifications and in what manner he will conduct the office if elected.
He is a democrat and says his folks have been democrats as far back as memory runs. He was reared in Fannin county and taught in the public schools of that county several years.

At the beginning of the world war, he volunteered and helped to carry the message of freedom overseas, and did his bit to help win that great struggle for the preservation of those eternal principles as the very foundation of civilization.

He served under the administration of Lon A. Smith in the state comptroller's office from January 1921 to January 1925. Mr. Ball is 32 years of age and has a wife and three children.

He is making a favorable impression with the voters and says that his departmental experience peculiarly fits him for the duties of the office to which he aspires. He pledges the people he will give them an honest, economical and business-like administration.

Bell County Veteran Proud of Old Heroes' Support of Governor

T. H. Killingsworth of Prairie Dell, veteran of Lee's army, whose family will cast this year 29 votes for Governor Miriam A. Ferguson, expressed pleasure and gratification over reading in The Forum the letters of old Confederates commending the administration of Governor Ferguson and giving assurance that they will support her for re-election. "I am proud of those old fellows," said Mr. Killingsworth, "but I am ashamed of those who deserted us two years ago and voted for Butte, the standard bearer of the republican party, against the regular democratic nominee, Mrs. Ferguson, who is the best of our best governor. This state has had in years. Last year I and my family cast 26 votes for Mrs. Ferguson, and this year we will add three to that and make it 29 votes. My family is made up of democrats who never bow to the ticket, and there is neither slacker nor bootlegger in the entire number."

Another good democrat visited The Forum office during the week to report growing enthusiasm in the campaign. W. S. Foster moved up his subscription to The Forum a year and said Dan Moody soon will find out that he is trying to do the same thing that others have tried, and will not be able to get away with it because Texas democrats are true and loyal.

Galveston Revokes Permit Given Klan to Parade July 17

Galveston, Texas, June 16.—The city commission June 10 reopened the question of granting the Ku Klux klan permission to stage a parade on the boulevard July 17, in connection with a statewide reunion to be held here, and rescinded a permission which had been granted at the last meeting.

This action was taken on motion of Commissioner S. R. McCarthy, Commissioners R. P. Williamson and Ed M. Owens voted with Mr. McCarthy to deny the petition, and Commissioner Alvin T. Lange voted favorably.

Hint at possible court action to secure the right to hold the parade was contained in a letter to the board from E. W. Wade, klookard of Galveston klan No. 36.

San Antonio's New Theatre.
The Aztec, San Antonio's new theatre beautiful, is winning highest commendation for the class of productions it is putting on. This magnificent palace of entertainment is producing the most popular and pleasing of the films and is meeting with tremendous success from the very start of its career.



# THE SECOND WEEK OUT

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biles driven into the park and 400 more could not get in for lack of room.

This crowd was attentive and respectful. The people are intensely interested in the discussion of the issues.

People are fast learning that the highway explosion was hatched by Moody and his friends for political purposes without any cause or excuse or facts to support it.

I then went to Waco for a Friday night date. A large committee headed by V. V. Warwick met me at the train.

I spoke on the court house lawn. There were friends from every county adjoining McLennan. The crowd was easily 8,000. The Fort Worth Star Telegram admitted there was 4,000 and that ought to prove my statement of 8,000. The audience was a mixed audience of farmers and laboring people. Lud Williams introduced me. He is another friend that has been with me ever since 1914. Waco is a big K. K. town and they are still trying to keep the organization together.

When I began to read Moody's war record another crowd of ruffians began to howl again, as they did in other places. There was fully 100 who seemed to be bent on breaking up the meeting. We had a stormy time for a while, but the crowd was with us 10 to 1 and after telling them that they were a bunch of Ku Klux cowards that were supporting a slacker, they shut up and I proceeded with my speech.

I am frank to admit that Moody will carry the city of Waco by 2,000 majority. But Ma will offset this in the county when the farmer vote comes in.

Waco is the home of the modern evolution theory taught by the silk stocking Baptists who admit that they come from a tad pole or a monkey, and of course they are strong for Moody. It is the same crowd that wants to turn Frank Norris out of the Baptist church because he preaches that God made man in his own image at the time he created the heavens and the earth.

I then went to Hillsboro for a Saturday afternoon date. The district court room which is the largest one in Texas, was jammed to full capacity. I have not lost a friend in Hill county. My old time friend P. S. Jackson, presided at the meeting and flowers from a sweet little girl, whose name I missed, were given to me to take to Ma. Every time the governor's name is mentioned the audience applauds to the echo. I believe my wife's name will go down in history as one of the great governors of the state. She has already skinned me a city block and I used to think I was some punkin. The governor will carry Hill county by 800.

I went to Corsicana for a Saturday night date. My old time friends King and Pinkston carried me to Corsicana. This date was perhaps one of the most successful meetings of the week. Hon. Dick Mayes was on the platform and is supporting the governor actively. Judge Gus Blackmon from Limestone county was there and Judge Kirby came with him. They say that the governor will carry Limestone county by 700. Col. T. N. Jones of Tyler was there. Many friends from Henderson county were there. Senator Roy Hardin from Kaufman was there.

Judge Hawkins Scarborough presided and made one of the best 30 minute speeches that I have heard in many a day.

I was introduced by Judge Gus Mayes, an overseas soldier, who is supporting the governor actively. Gus Mayes is one of the coming young lawyers of Texas and he does not hesitate to say that he cannot approve Dan Moody's war record. He knows. He was there when Dan was not.

The governor will carry Navarro county and Corsicana by 1,500 majority.

Sol Gotlieb says he is for the Fergusons because the state gets two governors for the price of one.

I am going west next week. Again I say the majority is going to be big.

JAS. E. FERGUSON.

## Moodyism vs. Fergusonism Discussed By Confederate Veteran Now in 85th Year

Editor Forum:

I have lived in Texas fifty-five years. I am a democrat always, whose integrity has not been challenged since the 25th day of May, 1865, to this hour. I am in my 85th year of this life. I answered the first call of my country to arms in its defense against an invading foe swooping down upon the patriotic, God fearing people of our beloved Southland. During the four years of that unparalleled grapple with an enemy whose physical and material reserves were immeasurable, I waded chin deep through a shield of blood, and I am proud to be able to boast that I served by God will be determined at the judgment bar of His Kingdom. How well I served my country is indicated by the bullet scars which I wear on my old body. These scars tell the true story. I am proud of that record, and I am willing to be laid to rest in any cemetery on the principles which actuated me to enter the service of my country. No higher encomiums can be laid upon our memories, for the living or the dead, than he or she is, or was, a walking encyclopedia of the truth, actuated by love, peace and harmony for humanity's sake, coupled with the two highest themes by which we should live, religion and the enforcement of the constitutional law. I pray that God and humanity will protect and forever preserve the distinguished executives of the government of this great state against the damning policies of Moodyism.

"Dan's the Man," a political swagger, foisted upon the peace and prosperity of this great commonwealth in his swaddling suit of armor without a drop of merit on the inside of it, to hike himself over the state as an exalted sponsor of his hundred per cent tribe whose slogan is "Dan's the Man," the only honest man in the U. S. of America. This youthful untrained and inexperienced prodigy in the ethics of political propriety and practice in any of the laudable professions of our state, has been deluded and induced by a lot of political chums also wanting to get on the public highways of this grand old vineyard of God, an heroic manhood, to let his people be deceived by a virus and contempt for the great builders of Texas who give to this much pampered youth the bread and meat that made him the little man he is in the attorney general's office, the most laudable and exalted position in the state, aside from that of chief executive as governor of this grand old empire which sprang from the fetters of Mexican misrule, wading through the blood of Texas heroes at the Alamo and Goliad to the syllable of Dan upon where the Lone Star flag was unfurled to float in Texas forever.

Heroes, these great men of that immortal occasion, who, by the loss of their blood and the death of comrades set up a standard of government which thrilled the hardy-like remnants of the grand old nation to proclaim, God bless and be with you, dear people, Texas is your country to live in and to defend against the marauding elements of political graft and criminal cowardice. We admonish you to be present in the grand old state, to be neighbors and grow happy and prosperous. Build school houses and churches, educate your children, train them to be obedient, love one another and live in the admonition of the Lord; a spirit wholly adverse to the policy of Moodyism.

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### Mother Learning to Drive Auto Backs in Lake; Baby Drowns

Archer City, Tex., June 15.—While B. A. Thomas was teaching his young wife to drive their automobile here yesterday she threw the car into reverse gear by mistake. The car shot backward 15 feet into a nearby lake and their 21 months old baby in the rear seat, was drowned.

### Woman Hurt as She Leaps Out of Auto When Snake Enters

La Grange, Texas, June 16.—Mrs. Lena Sumpf is in La Grange hospital in a critical condition as a result of injuries sustained in a leap from a moving automobile. Mrs. Sumpf, with her son, were on the way from her home near Fayetteville to Carmine. Near Park they ran over a snake in the road, which, picked up by the wheel, was thrown under the body on the frame of the car. The snake crawled through the brake paddle openings, frightening Mrs. Sumpf so greatly that she jumped from the auto, falling on her head. She was brought to the hospital here for treatment for concussion of the brain.

### Aged Men Fight Over Best Way for Feeding Ducks; One Is Killed

Cleveland, Ohio, June 15.—Because they could not agree over the proper method of feeding ducks, Joseph Koman, 71, is dead, and Frank Rupor, 68, is in jail. The men were employed at a Euclid Village farm. Other employees declared today the four months they spent together were replete with disputes over which did the most work. The climax was reached yesterday, when during an argument over duck feeding Koman swung the door of a shanty against Rupor's head. Rupor struck Koman with a shovel, Koman died of a fractured skull.

vice with the help of eleven splendid attorney generals.

Most people like the energy of an aspiring youth and will help him to acquire the goal of his ambition, provided, however, he does not rip the stitches in his youthful stride to acquire something he cannot manipulate for the public's good. Moodyism is based on personal spite and nothing more. He says so. His candidacy is pitched on that scale. He is a candidate for the office of governor that he may take from the office of attorney general the time he should give to the state. And he has already let the public see his shortsightedness and want of experience and professional training lead him down to his political death. He is already dead. His one hundred per cent office grafters know he is a premature swaddling. He is a gonner! He is gone hog wild. No, he has gone foolishly wild.

Any man of official standing, who will go out among the people of this grand old state and undertake to slander and disgrace a mother of this country should be called down by the intelligent and self respecting and law abiding people of Texas—and asked to step aside. We have enough of you—

Yes, Dan says "I am in this race for governor of Texas in order to rebuke the Ferguson administration for the huge public scandal it has perpetrated upon the people and their constitutional rights."

The superior intellect woven into Fergusonism has eclipsed the youthful vision of Dan's optics, and he has been sorely deluded by a lot of disgruntled huzzahs of democracy, akin to small potatoes in the hill at digging time. Let me put the question! Ladies and gentlemen, voters of Texas, will you support by your ballot in the primary election to be held on the 24th day of July next, the candidacy of any man for office, from president down to constable, who has openly assaulted the official integrity of the state and undertaken to slander and disgrace a mother of this country, as Mr. Moody has done by his unmanly charges laid upon the sacred responsibilities which environ the executive office of our beloved mother governor? To all of which she has most solemnly subscribed under oath and will discharge, agreeable with her best ability. Will you, or not, resent this insult, coming from a man who consciously repudiated his covenant with you 48 hours after being installed into office. Will you, dear fathers, mothers, sons and daughters stand by the sacred altar of the motherhood of Texas and see the chastity and integrity of an intelligent and cultured Christian mother governor of the most successful administration had in the greatest state of the American republic assaulted by an official who has gone foolishly mad because of his personal hate for ex-governor J. E. Ferguson—who is a private citizen and in no way is he responsible for the administration of the present government. He was master of the great responsibility which burdened the office of governor and by his preponderant skill as a financier and interpreter of the law and the wants and needs of the people, he went into a dirty house, and with an old brush broom swept out the seats and growls of a grouchy aggressor of Texas, the vilest of all stuff he could not use. He opened this state's big books and found the red was on the wrong side of them. He said to the bookkeeper, when these books are closed with my administration they must show to the people of Texas the cleanest and best kept big house since the immortal hog closed his administration. The books show what Fergusonism had done.

Eight years later "Ma" Ferguson was ushered into this same big house, in less than two years she had the public an exhibit of her work as governor of Texas that makes this state a drawing card for investors of great wealth, from every state in this domain. Tributes to her marvelous skill are coming to the governors of the combined states of the republic of America. In fact, ambassadors and consuls and other officials of prominence in the east have cabled their greetings to her. Not one of the great statesmen of Texas has spoken against her administration. Not one. It is a magnificent piece of Fergusonism. Our statesmen know it! Jim Ferguson's master skill as a financier and statesman has never been surpassed by anyone of his brainy predecessors. When he quit the big house in Austin he left about three million dollars to his credit. He has never grabbed one dollar of it. Our Ma governor has, this day, over seven million to her credit, and every department of her government out of the red and paying its way. That's the way the Fergusons do business.

Fergusonism has proved that business folks have good business sense and know how to use it. Give Ma Ferguson two more years as governor of Texas and she and her husband, the Hon. Ex-Governor, J. E. Ferguson, will bury Moodyism as surely as they will bury the man who acts on the suggestion of others, who are as weak as himself, perhaps weaker, is not a fit man to represent the people in any capacity. The youthful attorney general of Texas has made public some very

grave charges against Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson, governor of Texas, when he says the highway fund has been dissipated and misused. He virtually charges that the governor has participated in the dissipation of the highway fund or permitted others to do it for her. This is a most serious charge, Mr. Moody. The burden of proof is upon you, my dear sir. Governor Ferguson has handed to the people of Texas an exhibit, taken from the books of her administration in less than two years' service by her, which is one of the cleanest and most marvelous pictures of good business ever photographed by any governor preceding her in office.

Ma Ferguson has the public records in her office. Where are yours, Mr. Moody? When you say the administration of Governor Ferguson is a public scandal, you must prove it or the voters of Texas will honor your political funeral by an attendance of something like one hundred and fifty thousand mourners on July 24th next. Your hazardous contentions and slanderous utterances will not be tolerated by the deep thinking home builders of this state.

You have given five months of your time as an official investigator, with the help of a court, county and district attorneys, three separate grand juries and scores of your kinsmen cohorts. In an effort to get something of a criminal nature against our governor. Despite the exhaustive endeavors of these capable tribunals, you have failed to obtain one point against a Ferguson or the highway commission. The public scandal, of which you have had so much to say, and utterly failed to show it to the people who voted for you, is an ill-gotten hybrid of your drastic misconception of matters which constitute an honest government.

The great statesmen and the boys in the forks of the creek don't stand for the man who will openly assassinate the character of a mother. No name has been found in the annals of universal history that touches the hearts of men and women as does the name—Mother. The time has come, my dear people of Texas, when the political assassins of motherhood should be stricken down at the ballot box by every man and woman voter in Texas.

The writer has lived seventy years without a mother's velvet hand to soothe his fevered brow or direct him over the ordeals of life. The man or woman who will cast the slightest shadow of disrespect upon a mother of this grand old state is unfit to represent the people in any capacity of official life.

In conclusion, the writer begs to say to the women voters of Texas: For the first time in your lives you are enjoying all the rights of suffrage with the male suffragist of your country. And you should decide your choice of the candidacy of any man or woman for public office—without in any way expressing your hates and dislikes for one or your own sex. So go out upon the public highways of your county or state and lobby with the people to go to the poles and vote against one of your dear sex, for no reason, other than somebody's personal hate for her, is an ugly thing to do. Listen, my dear women, when you do this sort of thing you cast a reflection upon the personal integrity of yourself that you can never wipe away. It is a stigma that will rebound sooner or later to your shame and sorrow. Not so with the male suffragist. He is a man of the world. The woman is the sort of the home in which you were born and reared. Woman is the builder and keeper of the home. In her absence the lights go out, unless, perchance, a daughter or another of her sex, who can and will take up her work as she left it, and keep the shining of God's light in the windows of that blessed home. Its sacred precincts become dismantled for the want of a virtuous and loving keeper of that once beautiful castle of Motherhood.

God forbid that any Texas woman will raise her voice against the first woman governor of grand old Texas. There is not a man or woman in this beloved country who can besmirch the moral or official integrity of Governor Miriam A. Ferguson.

See her feminine mastery of the keeping of her own home, my dear women, and the raising and training of her two lovely and charming daughters, both of whom are the attractive and delightful adept keepers and entertainers of the governor's mansion in Austin, who are so lovable and capable mother attends the functional details of the governor's office for the good of five million people, and always has a cheerful greeting for her callers.

Mrs. Ferguson, governor of Texas, is a most wonderful and magnificent product of Texas humanity. Born and raised within cannon shot of the capitol dome of this state of pioneer fame, she is a brave, high bred and intellectual woman. She possesses all the polished attainments that enter into the qualities of a devoted wife and mother and is an immaculate housekeeper. She is a peeress in her social relations with the people of the community in which she lives. Though the daughter of a successful pioneer ranchman and farmer, she was called by the people to occupy a seat in the office of governor as chief executive to administer its affairs for the good of the whole people. The result of her labors in less than two years shows she has given the people of Texas the best and cleanest administration they have known since the inauguration of the Hon. J. P. Henderson as governor in 1845.

MAJ. W. H. C. LEE, P. O. Box 329, Austin, Tex.

## Training Camps for Texas Youths Offer Profitable Outing

Citizens Military Training camps to be held at various points in Texas in July and August are rapidly being filled according to an announcement from C. M. T. C. District headquarters at Houston.

These free government camps are primarily schools in citizenship where young men over 17 years of age may spend a month entirely without expense. There is no obligation for military service either now or at any future date, the military training being secondary to Uncle Sam's real purpose—that of developing loyal and strong citizens.

Texas camps will be held at Fort Crockett, Galveston, from July 1 to July 30; Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, from July 6 to August 4; and at Fort Bliss, El Paso, from July 24 to August 22.

Young men who are interested should correspond with Captain George A. Murray, Houston Chamber of Commerce. There are vacancies at all camps, Captain Murray states, but enrollments are likely to close within a very short time.

## Ab. Humphries Begins Active Campaign For State Education Job

J. A. (Ab) Humphries of Hockley county, formerly for a number of years a citizen of Bell county, where he held several important offices and made a record for efficiency, thrift and ability that won him hosts of friends, is now actively waging his campaign for the nomination as state superintendent of public instruction, to succeed S. M. N. Marrs.

Mr. Humphries recently visited Fayette county and met the voters of that great county, making Fayette County Record of La Grange has this to say about him:

"J. A. Humphries of Hockley county, a practical school man, a man of many years of experience, has announced his candidacy for the office of S. M. N. Marrs, incumbent, who is running for a third term. Mr. Humphries gave out his platform last week, and is now making an aggressive campaign, which he expects to continue until the votes are counted and he has been nominated to the important office to which he aspires."

"Mr. Humphries promises co-operation with the governor and other departments in the administration of the office of superintendent, that which is sorely lacking under the Marrs regime. We have had the great honor of making Mr. Humphries' acquaintance and to discuss with him the problems of education, especially rural schools, and we are glad to say that his program, put into effect, would do more for the education of the children of the S. M. districts than any so far advanced."

## Harry P. Fall Is Removed From Jail Because of Illness

Bay City, Tex., June 12.—Harry P. Fall, held here charged with the murder of Mr. and Mrs. Camden Sanborn was removed from the county jail to a hospital Friday because of serious illness, but was much improved Saturday.

The date for Fall's trial was to have been fixed Friday, but he was not in condition to go into court.

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### Texas Cities Grow So Fast Estimates Are Not Given Out

Washington, June 2.—Estimates of the population of 229 cities having 80,000 or more inhabitants were announced here by the department of commerce. Ten Texas cities reported all show large increases since 1920. Houston and Wichita Falls increased so rapidly the department believed it unsafe to estimate present population. The estimates, prepared by the census bureau and carrying the figures up to July 1, this year, are based in most cases on the assumption that the annual increase since 1920 has been the same as the average between 1910 and 1920. For cities in states which took a state census in 1925, the estimates are based on the 1920 to 1925 average annual increase. Estimates were not given for twelve cities where the last census showed a decrease in population, nor for ten cities where exceptional conditions of growth, which would cause estimates to be far from correct are believed to prevail. Allowance is made for annexations and detachments of territory.

The big four, the country's only cities having a million or more population, show no change in rank. New York leads with 5,924,000 against 5,620,048 in 1920. New York City's boroughs are estimated as follows: Bronx 800,000; Brooklyn 2,240,000; Manhattan 1,877,000; Queens 764,000 and Richmond 143,000. Cities of the 200,000 class are: Toledo 294,000 against 243,164; Denver 285,000 against 251,491; Columbus 285,000 against 238,762; Cov-

idence 275,000 against 237,595; Oakland 261,000 against 216,261; Portland not estimated, had 258,288 in 1920; St. Paul 248,000 against 234,698; Omaha 215,400 against 191,601; Birmingham 211,000 against 178,800; Akron, not estimated, had 208,415 in 1920; San Antonio 205,000 against 161,379; Atlanta, not estimated, had 203,500 in 1920; Dallas 200,000 against 158,976.

Estimates in the 100,000 class include: Memphis, 177,000 against 162,351; Fort Worth 159,000 against 111,536; Houston, not estimated, had 138,276 in 1920; Salt Lake City 133,000 against 118,110; Tulsa 133,000 against 72,000; Kansas City, Kans., 117,000 against 108,851; San Diego 100,000 against 74,683; Spokane 109,000 against 104,437; El Paso 109,000 against 77,560; Oklahoma City, not estimated, had 103,980 in 1920.

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Largest Crowd Ever in Yoakum There to Hear Ferguson Talk

The following extracts are taken from a letter written by W. H. Porter, of Yoakum, one of the best known members of organized labor in this section, to a friend in Temple. The letter told of the visit of Former Governor Ferguson to Yoakum to speak in behalf of his wife's candidacy and said the crowd which heard Mr. Ferguson was the largest during the 22 years residence there. He writes:

"I wish you could have been here at the speaking. It would have done you good all over. Jim made a fine talk. He defended Ma's administration fine and he only told plain facts. In fact, there is nothing about Ma's administration to sugarcoat any way.

"I have been living here 22 years, and Jim had the largest crowd by far that has ever been in Yoakum for any kind of gathering. The crowd was estimated at from eight thousand to twelve thousand people. Lots of them came forty and fifty miles, and the crowd was Ferguson almost to a vote. Ma will get more votes by far than she ever got in this part of the country before. All we have got to do is go to the polls and vote on the 24th of July. If we will only do that Ma will win in a walk."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- For State Treasurer: J. R. BALL, of Fannin County. For State Superintendent of Public Instruction: J. A. HUMPHRIES, Hockley Co. For County Assessor: W. T. HARRIS, H. H. RAY, E. B. BRIDGES. For County Judge: OWEN P. CARPENTER. For County Clerk: JOE ALSUP, A. L. (ROY) MONTEITH. For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2: W. M. McDONALD, S. E. WHITE, W. F. BLUM JR. For Constable, Precinct No. 5: G. E. HAMRICK

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Some Letters To the Forum

Good Woman Raps Pharisaical Preachers

Editor Forum: When I read so many most wonderful letters it makes me want to add just a few words. Now if we had a man Governor it wouldn't look so miserably bad for those big men with little hearts to come out against him, but just to spit out on them coming out against the first woman Governor to try to beat her out of the second term, which the past Governors have been honored with, it the most ludicrous thing imaginable.

The women want to hurt the woman suffrage cause, just let them defeat the first woman Governor out of the second term. Oh what a shame on those men that are fighting her over her husband's shoulder. They know good and well she has done nothing to be censured for, so they take their spite out on her.

I have been fully convinced for some time that the cause of all the trouble was his enemies know he is so far ahead of them with sense and knowledge of governing the state that they are in for putting him down and out no matter at what cost, but how many underlying things they will have to do to accomplish it.

I believe there are enough good, true Democrats to keep Mrs. Ferguson in office another two years. It doesn't look so bad for women coming out against her (for we are the weaker sex) but oh, those men, how awful!

Mrs. Ferguson has many supporters in this part of the country. I feel sorry for those political preachers who are condemning her for

so many unfortunate prisoners. Can't help feeling that their sins have never been forgiven. They are what the Bible calls Pharisee, hypocrites, wolves-in-sheep's-clothing. I can't censure Mr. Moody's wife for staying away from his talks before the people. I know she would be very easy to sit and hear so many untruths told by one that was near and dear to me. I want to ask every person that feels he is able to take care of his own vote not to listen to those hypocritical preachers. They are followers of the evil spirits and good honest people should pay no heed to them.

I will close and give space to those who know how to discuss politics. Best wishes for Jim and Ma.

Your friend and supporter, MRS. SALLIE STRINGER, Hico, Texas.

Rid Texas of Moodyism

Editor Forum: If you will allow me a space in your valuable paper, I will write a few lines to let you hear from this part. I am a Ferguson man, first, last and all the time.

In reading Moody's speech I notice he said the government was in danger, but I can't agree with the gentleman because I don't think he will ever get there. And I notice in "Honest Dan's" speech he said Ferguson was governor by marriage, but right there Ferguson has got him skinned a city block for I don't think he will be governor by marriage or any other way, for I think the people of Texas have got "Honest Dan's" number and will hit him so hard in the primary till they will feel the jar in the fourth or fifth generation.

There is just one way to decide this question: Do you want this disgruntled Ku Klux bunch? If so, vote for Dan, and you will have it. If you want to rid Texas of this trouble, vote for Ma Ferguson and you will have these birds on the go. We have the best administration to day that Texas has ever had. Of course we can't blame the Ku Klux for being mad with Ma, for Ma uncovered that mug for them and that spoiled this river bottom sport. If you want to keep your country clear of this sport, keep Ma on the job. What the people of Texas want to do is to rid Texas of Moodyism now and for all time to come, and right now is the time to do it. Every fair minded man should study this proposition seriously.

With best wishes for Ma and pour-it-on-'em Jim. We endorse Ma Ferguson's pardoning policy from the start to finish.

F. W. HUSTON, Paint Rock, Texas.

Many Newspapers Don't Tell the Truth

Editor Forum: Just suppose that all the readers who read some of these daily and weekly papers about Mrs. Ferguson's administration and our good honest and faithful Jas. E. Ferguson about the governor's office, should take that stuff seriously. They would go to him and whooping, or go bug-house one of the two, for you know and I know that they can't tell the truth, for if they did they would have been six feet under the earth long ago. This writer knows from experience as he has worked in the newspaper business off and on for twenty years.

So you see, dear readers, you will often overlook these newspapers' gossip, for they can't afford to tell the truth.

Ma Ferguson is the best Christian lady governor the Texas has ever had and ever will have again as long as the sun shines on this old earth. She has had the assistance of her husband, Jas. E. Ferguson, and all sensible and honest and upright thinking people know that Jas. E. Ferguson is one of the best that Texas has ever had and ever will have. He should have been president of the United States instead of governor.

This writer will stand pat and all the dailies and weekly papers can publish what they please to do about Ma and Jas. E. Ferguson, but will never change his vote for all the other candidates in the field.

This is hoping that Mrs. Ferguson will be our next governor of Texas, and no doubt she will, as every law-abiding voter in Brazoria county will cast their vote for her, who believes in an honest, upright

Christian lady such as Mrs. Ferguson.

I remain yours for Ma Ferguson, first, last and all the time until Gabriel blows his old trumpet over yonder and this lady leaves this earth. COLLIN CAMPBELL, Brazoria, Texas.

Good Results from Ferguson Regime

Editor Forum: In my rounds at the present time I meet with some very queer people. The other day I met a man I formerly knew, and he at once interrogated me as to how I stood on the race for governor. My reply was: "I intend to vote for Ma Ferguson for governor." "Why do you vote for Ma for governor?" he exclaimed. "If she is elected," he said, "old Jim will be governor. He is governor now." My reply was: "It matters little to me whether Jim or Ma is governor, so as we get good results from the administration. Results are of more importance than persons."

Here, sir, are some of the results of Ma's administration, he never attempted to challenge them, but switched to another charge against Ma. Says he: "She is pardoning too many criminals out of the penitentiary." "This charge of yours," he replied, "is ridiculous. Ma has pardoned no one without the recommendation of the pardoning board. The constitution vests her with the power to pardon convicts, and also makes it her duty where the facts and circumstances warrant a pardon. Open your Bible, and read that sentence in the Sermon on the Mount for our cotton. That suited me pretty well and another candidate gives us prospects for plenty of beer and wine—well, I like that too. Now recently while being with a crowd of about fifteen voters one of the crowd asked me: "Who is your candidate for governor?" I said, "It depends upon what will happen between now and the election." He asked me, "What could that be?" Then I replied, "If the cotton candidate comes and contracts my cotton for 30 cents before the election then I will vote for him, or if the beer candidate comes with a big keg of beer, then I may vote for that one, but if both come then I don't know what I shall do."

Now the crowd had a big laugh on me, and told me such would not happen, so I had to see that will happen, so I decided to drop them both and vote for Ferguson again as I always did before. Now I wish you good luck and hope Ferguson will be elected by a large majority.

C. P. RANLY, Robstown, Texas.

Farmer Asks What Has Moody Done

Editor Forum: As an old time farmer I just want to say a few words in praise of Ma Ferguson. I hear so much against Ma Ferguson I would like for some one of those Moody men to tell me what has Moody done that has run him so crazy, or is it what he says he is going to do? I sure do like to see a man be honest but I would much rather he let other folks tell me about it than for him to tell me. I voted for Moody in all three elections in 1924, while I voted for Ma only when she and Butte were on the ticket, she being the only democrat on the ticket for Governor. As it stands now I will start in the primary for Ma Ferguson and will consider my ticket in a similar light as then. Lynch is the same as now and that leaves Ma and Dan Moody. If Moody had asked for the same office he now holds I would have voted for him as I did in 1924, but my opinion is that Moody has been induced by the wrong bunch and there are big bunches of voters in Upshur county that think like I do.

G. W. ABNEY, Gilmer, Texas.

Fergusonism, and More of it, He Wants

Editor Forum: I have been a supporter of Farmer Jim and his good wife ever since 1914, and the more I know about them the stronger I am for them. Dan Moody is making Fergusonism the issue. For the Fergusonism we have the better wife like it. James E. Ferguson and his good wife have done more for Texas and the common people than all the other governors put together, so we are going to re-elect Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson by the highest majority a governor ever was elected by.

Don't hesitate to call on me. R. E. CHILLES, Elgin, Texas.

What Does Dan Offer?

Editor Forum: Well, I just walked nine blocks and back to deliver a copy of Ma Ferguson's platform to an old lady about 70 years old by special request, and it does one good to have such a platform to offer. I just thought to myself: Now what if I were on the other side of the race and some bright-eyed old lady would ask me for Moody's platform and I would have to take her the Lance, with not even a single thing to stand on except to eliminate Ferguson. Not a thing that he stands for or against honesty and efficiency. There never was a man or woman that ran for any office from constable up but what sang that old song, and usually the ones that sing it the loudest will do to watch.

Well, if I had such a platform as Dan's to hand to my friends I would just wrap them up good and

fitz, fitz—while the big ones were bellowing sharp, sharp, sharp. "Now," he says "that's just the way in this campaign, all the little ignorant men, are voting for the Colonel, while the big responsible ones are supporting me." A few days after the election I met Squire Sharp who was badly defeated, and said "Squire how about those frogs." "Oh," he replied "there was too d—d many little fitzes."

Now, I am neither prophet, mind-reader nor clairvoyant, but it seems to me that while most of the big frogs, both hummer and journalistic, are hollering Moody, Moody, Moody, there are too many of us little fitzes from the forks of the creek for them to boost their man over the bank.

PETE WHEATSTONE, Zavalla, Texas.

He Prefers Fergusonism

Editor Forum: I find enclosed One Dollar for subscription to the Forum. I want to get the whole truth about politics and I know of no better method than to read the Forum. Much prefer Fergusonism to a Duke mixture, a concoction of Moodyism and Ku Kluckism.

G. E. COWAN, Mt. Vernon, Texas.

A Tribute to Jas. E. Ferguson

Editor Forum: I have measured James E. Ferguson by the so-called great men of America; Some come to his knees, some to his hips and some barely to his waist. I have measured him like the magic oak above the dwarf sour wood sprout;

Why is it every day that he introduces becomes a law of our land? Because he can see an issue, clearer than any man that ever came before him, or will ever come after him.

When God endowed young Solomon with wisdom above, he had reference to men of that age, and meant no reflection on Ferguson, whatever. BRAZ PEARSON, Waxahachie, Texas.

Not Fooled by False Promises

Editor Forum: I will write and let you know how near you came losing my vote. Reading in the newspapers I see where one candidate promises for the women's demerits. Dan, do you honestly believe that it is right to try to deprive this good woman a second term? You know that Ma's record is good from childhood on up, but just come clean, now— isn't it a fact that that political ring of sissies that are running you just believe in women voting for them and paying poll tax of \$1.75, but not hardly right to hold office?

Now, it don't or won't make any difference what you and Lynch say about Jim. We elected Ma governor and I think you will find out on the 24th of July that she is still governor for two more years. Dan, you have made a mess of things all around, and you are losing ground every day. Now suppose you were elected governor. Wouldn't the state be in a deplorable condition, with an attorney general to go ahead with the big cases you started, or if we get another one, he would be new on the job, and it would take him so long to familiarize himself with things. By the way, if you had a hard case in court, how would you like for your leading attorney to quit you right in the middle of the fight? Now that's just what you are doing with the people of Texas—you are claiming big things are happening that ought not to happen, and if things are half as bad as you say, you could never get a better attorney than right in the attorney general's office, but this old rick can't fool the people.

W. R. HAMPTON, Merkel, Texas.

Dan Wasn't One of the Volunteers

Editor Forum: I notice Dan Moody in his speech at Dallas that he read from a speech delivered in Houston in 1918 by Barry Miller in which Miller quoting from a speech delivered in Dallas by Ferguson in which Ferguson attacked the Selective Service act. But he was very careful not to use anything Ferguson said in his speech. Ferguson did oppose the Selective Service act only in Texas, however, for he said it was not necessary in Texas for he was proud of the youth of his state. But he did not know Dan then but went back to Austin and issued a proclamation calling for volunteers and my boy answered that call along with about 25,000 others. My boy was exactly the same age as Dan Moody but Dan was not there. My boy got farther than Arkansas. He went through three of those big drives and ended up in Germany on the Rhine. He never heard of Dan Moody until he ran for attorney general.

If Dan had been there and hap-

pened to have been appointed general in the army and made as good one as he did attorney general we would be in a deuce of a fix now, wouldn't we? Old Dan won't beat Ma here very bad. I believe we will beat them worse than we did before.

J. W. SKILES, Fort Worth, Texas.

Ferguson Vote Shows Gain

Editor Forum: Our governor is gaining strength in this section of the state. Two years ago in this little box Mrs. Ferguson only got twenty-one votes in the first primary and I feel safe in saying that in the coming July primary she will get at least one hundred and fifty votes.

As for myself, I am one of the original Ferguson supporters and it has always been a great pleasure to me to stand for what Dan Moody and Lynch Davidson call Fergusonism and I am sure after July the 24th Mr. Moody and Mr. Davidson will be wise to the fact that the great majority Texas voters stand for the same thing.

With best wishes to the Forum and believing that Ma will beat the field in the first primary, I am, Yours for Fergusonism, R. P. FARRIS, Taft, Texas.

What is Moody's Real Platform

Editor Forum: I never was very much in politics, never can tell how to vote. In fact on election day am like a scared cat, never know which way to jump and listening to political speeches is just like listening to sermons of different denominations. I can listen to a Methodist minister and he can make it so plain that it seems that a wayfaring man, though a fool, could not err therein. When listen to a Baptist minister, his argument though to the reverse, sounds just as plausible and so we find in this gubernatorial campaign three candidates with only two issues, viz. Fergusonism and Moodyism. But an item without an explanation is like a battle without firearms and so unless Mr. Moody explains Fergusonism to us, and why we should banish it from the earth, we will in time begin to get very suspicious of Moodyism.

And another thing that we would like to see is his real platform in print. If you will all remember Philip said "Lord, show us the way and it will suffice us."

F. M. GOLDEN, Burleson, Texas.

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