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## Voters Must Pass on Bond Validation Is Opinion By Former Sen. J. W. Bail

(From Dallas Morning News)

Former United States Senator Joseph Weldon Bailey Saturday gave out the following statement:

"It is now manifest that Mr. Moody and his friends have determined to make the validation of our road district bonds a political issue. What is their purpose, and what will be the result? Their purpose is, of course, to increase the vote to be cast for Mr. Moody in the July primary, and the result must be whether they intend it or not, that Texas will suffer, more or less, in her reputation. That plan of campaign will not serve its purpose, for no candidate ever profits by introducing a false issue, if the people have time to analyze and understand it before the election; but while it will not help Mr. Moody it will hurt the state, for our leading men can not daily charge that the governor of Texas is in favor of repudiating our honest debts without reducing us in the estimation of our fellow-citizens in other states.

"If Gov. Ferguson were in favor of repudiating an honest, public debt I would regard it as the duty of every upright man to assail her position; but she is not in favor of repudiating any part of our public debt. Within the last three weeks she has twice said, in official communications, that these invalid bonds should be validated, and has announced that she will call a special session of the legislature to validate them. But, says The Dallas News, what Ex-Gov. Ferguson said in his speech at Wichita Falls has made it plain that Gov. Ferguson will veto any validating act the legislature might enact, and that assertion was made editorially in Monday's paper, notwithstanding the fact that on the preceding Saturday Ex-Gov. Ferguson had unequivocally declared, in a speech at Cisco, that both he and his wife are in favor of validating these bonds.

"The Dallas News did not report what the Ex-Governor had said about validating these bonds in his Cisco speech; but did print it in the form of a 'statement,' Tuesday morning, after having first submitted it to Mr. Moody, and then in Wednesday's paper sought editorially, to discredit it. Why pursue such a course? Would The News have the world to understand that the governor of Texas and the very large number of Texans who will vote for her renomination are repudiating? It would seem to me that those who are so deeply interested in the state's good name would gladly accept everybody's assurance that they are in favor of paying this debt. But the editorial in The Dallas News Wednesday was not the only effort made that day to inject this question into our politics. You printed a statement from Mr. Kemp in which he characterizes as 'Bolshevistic' Ex-Gov. Ferguson's contention that the question of validation must be submitted to the people.

"Mr. Kemp has spoken in his anger, and can not mean what he has said. Remembering that our Constitution does not permit these road districts to issue bonds without a vote of the people, no man clothed in his right mind can think that it is dishonest or even improper to refer the validation of bonds illegally issued to a vote of the same people. Mr. Kemp is a Texan, and has a right to talk about Texas affairs, even though what he says about them may mislead rather than enlighten us. But what good can The Dallas News expect to accomplish by printing a statement from the New York Herald-Tribune that a great number, if not all, of the big bond houses of New York have tacitly agreed to boycott all Texas bonds, even when not directly affected by the Archer county case? Does The News think that such a reflection on this state is calculated to compose the minds of self-respecting Texans, and make us more anxious to validate the bonds held by those who thus insult us?"

"Considering the bitterness which has been engendered by this question, the thoughtful citizen of Texas will be surprised when he thinks it out, and finds how little Mrs. Ferguson and Mr. Moody differ about it. They agree that these road bonds should be validated, and that is the vital matter, everything else being a mere matter of detail. They agree, also, on the most important of the details, which is that a special session of the legislature shall be called to pass a validating act. They differ only, in that respect, as to the time when a special session of the legislature shall be held. Mrs. Ferguson insists that it shall not be held until after the primary election, while Mr. Moody insists that it shall be held immediately. Obviously, the legislature should not be required to deal with these bonds while a bitter political contest is in progress.

"Mrs. Ferguson and Mr. Moody may disagree on another question.

Mrs. Ferguson insists that legislative act shall submit to vote of the people. I have seen any specific expression by Mr. Moody on that point, but I think it must be inferred from what he has said, that he does not favor submitting that question to a vote of the people. Is it possible that Mr. Moody distrusts the people, and fears that if permitted to vote they will vote against validating these bonds? If so, he has less confidence in the integrity of our people than I have. I think they are just as honest as their would-be leaders, and I am sure they are just as much in favor of paying their honest debts as our candidates for governor.

"But even if as a matter of political policy, this question ought not to be submitted to a vote of the people, it must, as a matter of constitutional law, be submitted to them. Certainly no road district can issue bonds without a vote of the people, and if valid bonds can not be issued in the first instance, without a vote of the people, void bonds can not be validated without a vote of the people. The assertion that those bonds have already been authorized by one election is superficial; because the elections under which that was done were all void, according to the decision of the Supreme court in the Archer county case, and a void election is precisely the same as no election. I do not believe that any reputable lawyer will say, after a careful examination of the subject, that our legislature can validate these bonds without a vote of the people.

"But suppose that one-half of the lawyers in Texas, including one-half of the best, were to advise us that our legislature can validate these bonds without submitting that question to a vote of the people, we would still be unwise to act on their advice; for we would be foolish to incur any risk, however slight, of making a mistake in this matter. If we submit this question to a vote of the people, and that is not necessary, the bonds will nevertheless be valid, and no harm will be done, but if we refuse to submit this question to a vote of the people, and that is necessary, the bonds will be as invalid as they are today, and infinite harm will be done. As a sensible people, we should choose the safer way, even though it may be a little the longer way."

## Orgies by Boys and Girls Described in Liquor Plot Charge

Vincennes, Ind., June 30.—Startling evidence of drunken orgies participated in by boys and girls of high school age is promised by Federal authorities when the Vincennes liquor conspiracy is brought to trial here.

Sixty-three citizens of Vincennes, including three county officials and a man said to be one of the leading business men of the city, were indicted by a Federal grand jury here after a searching probe on the illicit liquor traffic in Vincennes.

Roadhouse proprietors, keepers of resorts, bootleggers and the men who sought to protect them from the law alike were caught in the Federal net.

The story of a dance at a public hall at which youths and girls still in school were present was said to have been one of the sensations uncovered in the Federal investigation.

At the dance several of those present became intoxicated, cast aside most of their clothes and attempted to hold a parade in the nude, it was said. When police officers came to arrest the semi-nude paraders in the hall they were restrained from doing so by certain officials who were present, it was charged.

## J. A. Humphries, Who Seeks to Be Head of Schools Gives Views

Austin, Tex., June 30.—J. A. Humphries, candidate for the democratic nomination for superintendent of public instruction, has given out a statement of some of the things he is for and against. He says he is for the following:

More state aid for rural schools, per capita apportionment of \$15, tax for school purposes on cigars and cigarettes, more junior colleges in the state, modified county unit system, more economical textbook system, putting into law the recommendations of the education survey, abolishing the ex-officio county superintendent's office and requiring county superintendents to do all inspecting.

## FOURTH WEEK OUT

I spent Sunday and Monday, June 20 and 21, answering the hundreds of letters which I am receiving from friends all over Texas, who are helping me to defend myself against the bunch of scandal-mongers who are trying to deceive the people with the cry of Fergusonism.

No candidate will ever hereafter raise that cry, they are sorry that they have raised it in this campaign.

I went with the governor to her date at Rockdale. The governor was treated to a most pleasant surprise. When the train pulled into Taylor, the home town of Dan Moody, lo and behold there were 800 people gathered at the depot to shake hands and wish the governor Godspeed in this campaign. A beautiful young lady, whose name I did not get, presented the governor with a very large bouquet of flowers and in a short speech she said, "Governor, in behalf of your many friends in Williamson county I present you these flowers, given by your many friends and supporters in Dan Moody's home town."

It is now no secret that the Dan Moody people are much worried about Dan carrying either Williamson county or even his home town of Taylor. Moody suffers the opinion at home, as he does everywhere else, and that is that he is not big enough for the job.

At Rockdale the governor had an audience of at least 4,000 people. My old time friend, Henry Meyer, mayor of Rockdale, presided at the meeting and presented Hon. Randolph Tyson, who introduced the governor. There were many people from surrounding counties including Judge Goodman and Seth Burnet from Robertson county. They said that the governor will carry Robertson county by at least 300 majority. Jim Freeman and Wallace Chambers who always know Milam county politics, say that the governor will carry Milam county by a clear majority over all candidates in the first primary. And she will, mark the prediction. I know.

From Rockdale I went to Marquez, in Leon county. I was met at the depot late at night by Dr. Cam Carrington and twenty other friends. The Carringtons are old time settlers at Marquez and they enjoy the confidence and respect of everybody. They are some more of my dependable friends who have never failed.

We had easily 3,500 people at the date on Wednesday. Hon. S. T. Windsor of Normangee, presided at the meeting. He introduced Mr. J. D. Reed, ex-sheriff of Leon county, who in a few short words commended the Ferguson administration. Mr. Bob Nester was the next speaker and, as the boys say, he is a go-getter. He told the crowd that the young attorney general might be a good lawyer and that Davidson might be a millionaire all right, but that "us" farmers want some more farmers and for that reason they are for the Fergusons because they "know our troubles and speak our language." The crowd roared with applause.

The governor will carry Leon county over all the candidates in the first primary.

Old man W. C. Waldron, now past 90 years of age, and an uncle by marriage of Lynch Davidson, came all the way from Oakwood, 50 miles, and assured me that he was for the governor. More than 400 farmers' wives shook hands with me at Marquez and told me they were for Ma.

The wives of the farmers are fully aroused in this campaign against the idea of denying a second term to a woman, just because she is a woman.

From Marquez I went to Jacksonville in Rusk county where I spoke to 4,000 people in the city park. I was introduced by Hon. D. L. Harry, an attorney of Jacksonville who declared strongly for the governor. Dr. Moseley from Rusk was there and also Ollie Copeland. They are the old standbys, and also J. D. Smith, and they say that the governor will lose the town of Jacksonville, but that Rusk county will go for the governor by at least 500 majority.

My old time friend, J. T. La Rue, and his son, came over to Jacksonville and carried me to Athens where I spent the night in the La Rue home. They have seven children and all married except the young lady daughter, and with the inspiration of about eight grandchildren the La Rues are about as happy a family as you ever see. They certainly make you feel at home. I spoke in Athens on Friday afternoon to easily 3,000 people from Henderson and adjoining counties. Dr. Moss was there from Anderson county and so was Sam Houston, also Uncle Barney Bowers, whom I used to work for on the I. & G. N. railway thirty years ago, and also Adam Cane, Mr. Duprey, Dalton Rose and some other friends came from Palestine.

I was introduced by Sam Holland, the wizard of Henderson county politics. Albert Humphries, candidate for state superintendent, made a short speech. He appears to be making many friends in the campaign.

Sam Holland and J. R. Craig of the Athens Review say that the governor will carry Henderson county over all opponents in the first primary.

## Baptist Preacher Who Has Been 55 Years in Pulpit Speaks for Mrs. Ferguson

Editor Forum: I will soon be 72 years old. I have been a Baptist preacher about fifty-five years. I came to Texas in my 18th year. I have lived in Lampasas county ever since.

I want to say a few things I know and God knows to be the truth. Some people don't seem to know what has caused our troubles in Texas, this same party has found a Moses to lead us out of all our political troubles. The truth about it is this same party has caused all this trouble—they have been at it for the last twelve years when Jas. E. Ferguson made his first race for governor. This trouble started twenty or twenty-five years ago when the political hypocrites brought that political prohibition issue into the churches of God. I fought it for years, I said then it would destroy the power of God's churches. They preached that political issue in place of God's word until they stirred up such prejudice and hatred it never has died. You remember for years every election year when a man would come out for an office the first question would be, "Is he a pro or anti?" I heard that till it made me sick, so this political and religious mixture has grown and developed until it has destroyed the power in God's house. Just look at the condition that the Baptist churches are in today.

I said twelve years ago on the rostrum in Lampasas court house when I made a speech for James E. Ferguson when he made his first political race, if politics and religion in the churches kept on coming it would ruin the state and nation. I have not gone back on my prophecy yet. Just go back to New York in your mind in the last national convention when they met there to select some one to run for president. What caused all that trouble—politics and religion and Ku Klux. Where did the Ku Klux come from? They came out of the Board of Baptist churches. It was said a few years ago that 90 or 95 per cent of the Board of Baptist preachers were members of the Ku Klux. I thank God there are a few Baptist churches still contending for the faith once delivered to the saints. I want to say here that the Baptist churches are the only churches on earth that can go back to Christ and the apostles for their beginning. They are God's house, they are bringing the greatest curse than all other sects put together. Just go back and look at the Jewish nation, they were God's people. They brought the greatest curse on God's cause than all other nations put together. They left God's law and commandments and God turned his back to them. Where are they today? They are scattered to the four corners of the earth. The Baptists are going the same route. They are warring and fighting among themselves.

James E. Ferguson told the truth at Sulphur Springs in his speech in reference to the Baptist political hypocrites. In the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their conscience seared with a hot iron. In this condition they are gone—there is not a bigger bunch of liars on earth than these highbrow Baptist preachers. Mind not high things but condescend to men of low estate. I have grieved and shed tears over the condition of our Baptist cause.

What I have said, it is for truth's sake alone. I am glad to read so many letters in the grand old Forum of songs of praise going up to God. When I read our present governor's announcement for the second term she said she did not want it but one term if they would remove the slander that they had heaped on her husband and family, but long as they had not done it. I am going to pray and fight as long as I see any chance to have it done. I said, "Yes, Ma, I am praying with you, may God lead the honest democrats of Texas that we may win in this election by a large majority."

I soon will be 72 years old. I cast my first vote in Texas in Lampasas county. I want to say the Fergusons have made us the best governors since I have been in Texas. For twelve years I have stood by them and fought for them in every battle. How any honest man or woman in Texas can go to the ballot box and vote against them and vote the Ku Klux ticket is more than I can understand. Just to think of the brutal crimes they have committed in this civilized nation. Oh, God, deliver us from the beast. I call upon every true democrat of Texas if there was ever a time that we should rise and do all we can it is in this coming election. I am growing old and very near worn out, I had rather take my gun and walk and crawl and fight until I die than to see this nation ruled by the religious hypocritical Ku Klux power we are fighting. So here I stand with the Fergusons until they do something to be thrown down for.

Kempner, Texas.

G. W. HOLLOWMAN,

## FERGUSON SPEAKING DATES

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.
(The speaking on above date will be at Hostyn, near Plum)	
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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## GIVES PRAISE TO THE GOVERNOR

Sam H. Milliken, 5421 Belmont avenue, Dallas, in a communication to the Dallas Morning News commends the pardon record of Governor Ferguson and praises a letter recently written by R. A. McLarry and printed in the News. Mr. McLarry's letter also was printed in the Forum. Here is what Mr. Milliken says:

"R. A. McLarry's letter in The News of June 5 seems to me to be a concise defense of the Ferguson administration and is sustained by the official statement of the Governor in her published report, presumably based on facts and figures of record in the various departments of the State Government. Opponents lustily deny the correctness of the allegation made in said official report without attempting to show wherein they are false.

"Mr. McLarry's letter is a splendid campaign document and ought to be read by every voter desirous of knowing the facts; unsupported denial does not disprove them.

"The most commendable of the Governor's achievements is exhibited in the number of pardons she has granted to the poor, weak, unfortunate, friendless members of society who have been caught in the not impartial meshes of the law; not the 'upper tens,' but those classed among the 'lower millions.' The reports published show that practically in every case clemency was advised by those most familiar with the conditions surrounding each case; the Judges, prosecutors, juries and prominent citizens. The majority of those pardoned were convicted of violation of the state liquor law, which offers a temptation to a poor creature out of work to make an easy dollar by selling a pint of whisky. It takes two to effect such violation, the buyers are probably in proportion of 100 to 1 to the sellers. Many a buyer, no doubt, is on the jury that convict a seller; the one is bound and the other goes free."

## "FERGUSONISM" IS DEFINED

Those who ask for a definition of "Fergusonism" seem to have no lack of answers. Let it be remembered that Moody has said in unqualified words that he is "against Fergusonism and all it stands for." Therefore Moody is opposed to many things that have brought comfort, and satisfaction to the people of Texas. In a recent issue of the Dallas News a Hillsboro man asked what Fergusonism means and here is one of the answers given through the News:

"All salaries to members of faculties of State-supported schools paid during the last year without deductions for interest. Who can say that this is not quite an item in the aggregate to the school folks? And if I am not mistaken Jim himself did as well under his former administration.

"There seems to be a lot of bunk on the subject of Fergusonism and I want to ask what administration during the last fifteen years will discredit the Ferguson's, measured by any standard? One is almost bound to say, Jim is a financial manager, and Ma inclines her ear to the cry of those for mercy. 'Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.' In defining Fergusonism these things must be considered.

R. A. PARSONS.

"Station A, Route 8, Dallas."

Read the Forum for the truth about Texas politics.

Exactly four weeks from this date the first primaries will be held.

Read the regulations about absentee voting and if you are not going to be at home to cast your vote protect yourself by casting an absentee ballot. Your county clerk can tell you.

The big dailies are fighting the Ferguson administration just as they fought Jim Hogg and his administrations and policies, but the plain people elected Hogg in spite of the dailies just as they elected Jim Ferguson and will re-elect his wife.

An error in typesetting in publishing the list of candidates for state offices as certified to by the state executive committee at Wichita Falls named Ed A. Christopher Jr., as a candidate for state treasurer. This name should have read Ed A. Christian Jr., of Bexar county.

Voters are putting questions to Mefo and to Moody which deal with indiscriminate charges of wrong doing in the executive office. I. J. Wolfe, Box 744, Houston, writes to Mefo: "Moody claims to have knowledge of some criminal acts on the part of both Jim Ferguson and the governor. If he has that knowledge, why doesn't he as attorney general or as a citizen, have them both prosecuted?" The question to date has gone unanswered.

The Orange Grove Herald asks: "Was Dan Moody drafted into the army? There can hardly be any doubt of it since he had only six days service at the very close of the war. His service ended with the signing of the Armistice and he entered the army in September—a record his supporters should feel proud of." The Herald adds: "Darling Dan, now volunteering to save Texas, just couldn't make up his mind to answer the call during the world war to save the United States, like a dozen or more of our Orange Grove boys."

Bosque county still is democratic, according to the following letter addressed to the Forum by Geo. P. Robertson of Meridian: "The Bosque county democratic committee met at Meridian June 21 with twelve members present. The chairman, an active Moody supporter, believing a majority of the committee to be Moody sympathizers, asked for a vote from the members as to their choice of the candidates for governor and the vote stood as follows: Ferguson 6, Moody 3, and Davidson 3. It looks like Bosque county is still democratic."

The Hamilton Herald Record condemns hecklers in strong terms and reminds this class of cowardly disturbers that they strengthen the cause they seek to injure when they indulge in their cowardly antics. The Herald Record says: "That was a shameful spectacle at Waco last Friday night when hoodlum hecklers attempted to break up the Jim Ferguson speaking, and the fair city of Waco did herself no credit for allowing such a display of discourtesy and prejudice to proceed uninterrupted by the strong arm of the law. While the circumstance had the effect of strengthening the Ferguson cause, still respectable people do not approve such means of attack by political opposition. The attitude assumed by those Waco people in that instance is far more disreputable than is even their own judgment of the cause they attacked, and their action is not well taken by the right thinking people of Texas."

The absence of some men whose names are widely known in Texas from the ranks of Ferguson supporters is no argument against the merits which entitle Mrs. Ferguson to reelection. This is the view of W. C. Abbott of Alvin who in a letter recently addressed to M. E. Foster of the Houston Chronicle told the Chronicle man that his mention of the names of several of these men who are opposing Mrs. Ferguson carried no conviction to persuade voters to support Moody. "Those great men produce nothing," says Mr. Abbott. "The man behind the hoe, the man behind the saw and the man on the old swayback pony are the men who keep the ball rolling."

## POLITICAL TREACHERY

I may be the bad man that many disappointed politicians want to picture me. I may, like all other mortals, have made mistakes. I may not have rendered the service to my day and generation that my friends think I have. Time alone will tell.

But if it is all true, it does not justify the personal ingratitude that has been visited on me by people whom I have befriended in time of political and material need. I have never been treated very bad except by people upon whom I had claims that no grateful person would have forgotten.

The ingratitude of Hobby, who sought my aid to elect him Lieutenant Governor in return for which he turned on me at the time when he should have been my friend, is only exceeded by Dan Moody's ingratitude who sought my friendship and the support of my paper, when he was unknown to the people of Texas, and in return for which he is now going the Hobby route with the same political treachery.

In 1922 State Superintendent Marrs was vigorously opposed by Bentley. Bentley had the support of the Klan and there was every evidence that he was going to beat Marrs. I was in the death grapple with Mayfield and the Klan. Marrs and his friends sought the support of the Forum and I gladly gave it and my friends were asked to support Marrs. By the skin of his teeth he was pulled through. Though I had openly supported him it turned out that he never opened his mouth for me.

I have Marrs' letter written soon after that election in which he thanked me for my support of his candidacy.

But the thanks which he expressed were soon forgotten. He early in the game threw in with Moody to embarrass the governor's administration in every way. He is now asking the people to give him a third term while he is with Moody fighting the governor for a second term. If this is not political treachery then what is it?

Again two years ago, on account of the resignation of Dr. Splawn who had been nominated for Railroad Commissioner, Mr. Terrell was nominated in his place. Mr. Terrell's friends joined in my request to the State Executive Committee to nominate W. Gregory Hatcher of Dallas county to succeed Mr. Terrell. He was nominated. I wired him and he, Hatcher, told me that when he received my telegram he liked to have felt dead with gratitude. Hatcher had appealed to me previously to that time to recommend him to the Governor for some place that would pay as much as \$2,000 a year so he could move to Austin and complete the education of his family. Knowing that he was not very smart, but believing he was loyal I agreed to do so. When the treasurer's place was open I assisted him to get that. He had no sooner landed in Austin than he forgot everything I had done for him and took up with Sam Sparks of Ku Klux fame, and who is the silent pilot of Dan Moody in Austin and began to favor Sparks' band and they are now as thick as these kind of men always get to be when a watermelon cutting is on hand.

Hatcher in his opening speech at Hillsboro went out of his way to boost Dan Moody for Governor.

While he, Hatcher, is now asking the people to give him a second term, he is viciously fighting the Governor who is asking a second term for himself.

Moody, Hatcher and Marrs have organized the Big Three to fight the Ferguson's, when all three of them owe their present jobs to the Ferguson's and their friends. In all history there has never been three more ungrateful individuals calling themselves men.

Moody is supporting Marrs for a third term and running against the governor for a second term. Moody is supporting Hatcher for a second term while Hatcher is fighting the governor for a second term. Moody is fighting the governor for a second term, when if he was elected (which thank God he will not be) he would cry like a baby if somebody were to run against him for a second term. Hatcher is supporting Marrs for third term and fighting the governor for a second term. Ain't he the limit?

I had not intended to take any stock in anybody's race except the governor's race, but since this "Wicked Three" conspiracy has been hatched up I am telling my friends the truth so that they may be fully advised.

I am going to support J. R. Ball for state treasurer against Hatcher, because he is so different from Moody and Hatcher. When the war came on though Ball had a wife he waived all pleas for exemption and went to the battlefields of France to fight for his country. Dan Moody was afraid to go to war and stayed at home under a plea of deferred classification, although he was a single man, which the exemption board found, without dependent relatives. Hatcher did not go to war either and he is now supporting Dan Moody who, he knows, kept out of the war as long as he could.

I am going to support J. A. (Ab) Humphries for state superintendent because he is a good school man who has a good platform and having been raised in the country he is in thorough sympathy with the needs of the country schools. At the same time his educational attainments are sufficient to give him a full grasp of all educational problems in town and city as well.

Remember the "WICKED THREE," Moody, Hatcher and Marrs.

The Cameron Herald last week proposed that Cameron people make Tuesday, June 22, a holiday and all go to Rockdale and hear Former Governor Jim Ferguson speak. "Lay aside cares and go hear Jim," said the Herald. "You may not agree with him but it will do you good to hear this warrior who never sheathes his sword as long as the cry comes in from those who toil on farms in mill and factory."

## 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.

## REMOVAL OF THE PENITENTIARY

Editor Forum: A lot is being said about the bill passed by the last legislature to sell the properties now used in the penitentiary system and buy a new location and build a new one. This bill was vetoed by Mrs. Ferguson. I think it was a very wise veto.

I did everything possible to defeat the bill in the senate. I tried to get the authors of the bill, and the lobby behind the bill, to change or amend it, so that the committee could sell a part of the lands owned, provided the price would be adequate, and to locate the main prison on the Blue Ridge farm near Houston, or the Ramsey farm, or some one of the farms, which were best suited, but they refused, saying they wanted it near Austin and on an entirely new location. My reason for opposing the bill was that the state has some of the richest land in Texas, near Houston, which has been ditched, levied and improved to a wonderful state of cultivation, and has thousands of acres there above overflow, and in a very healthful location, where vegetables and all kinds of crops grow; and the vegetables all winter—the convicts need these things and such do not grow around Austin the year around, as at Houston. Then the state generally sells its property at 25 to 50 cents on the dollar, and pays 150 per cent for property it buys. I figure that the state would lose \$10,000,000 in the deal. In other words the new location and new buildings and equipment would eventually cost the state that much more than the lands now owned by the state would bring, and we would have a prison up at Austin, where crops won't grow as they do on the present lands of the system, and we would be centralizing more and more at Austin. I also believe that some parties have a large tract of land near Austin to let the state buy at a big price and some parties around Houston who want to buy a fine bunch of state land for a song.

I believe the state and tax payers were saved \$10,000,000 when our present governor vetoed this bill. It is coming up at the next legislature and I believe it will pass, unless the new legislature is changed materially. The lobby is strong, and every candidate for legislature and senate should be smoked-out on this bill and every candidate for governor should be questioned as to its veto. We know that Mrs. Ferguson has had the best interest of the state and tax payers at heart when she vetoed it in 1925, and she will again in 1927.

R. S. BOWERS,  
Senator 14th District.

## WHAT MOODY'S SUIT COST COLEMAN COUNTY

(From Baird Star)

Much has been said by Dan Moody and his friends of the vast sums of money his suits against various construction companies saved the state. His claim that he saved the state six hundred thousand dollars in the compromise suit with the American Construction is flatly denied by Frank Lanham, former chairman of the Highway commission, an experienced engineer and road builder. Lanham said that the work this suit relieved that company of would cost the state seven hundred thousand dollars to complete, one hundred thousand dollars loss in place of six hundred thousand Dan claimed to have saved the state. Another suit pending against the Hoffman company in which Moody claims something like four hundred thousand dollars. This suit is pending. This company had the contract for resurfacing the roads in Coleman county, among other counties.

Here is what the Coleman Democrat-Voice last week has to say about what Moody's suit has saved (?) Texas in Coleman county. This suit stopped all work on the roads instantly months ago, material, crushed stone (chats) piled up along the road that cost thousands has gone to loss, says the Democrat-Voice speaking of the order to resume work on the Coleman roads.

Recently the Highway commission issued an order for the re-surfacing of the sixty odd miles of highways in Coleman county. When the division engineer inspected the roads he decided that to resurface them in their present condition would be a waste of time and money for something that would not endure. He recommended that before they be re-surfaced that they be repaired. In this recommendation he was joined by the state engineer and the above order is the result. It is estimated that at least three inches of the original base has been carried away by wear and tear and high winds. The plan now is to begin at the Callahan county line and rebuild the highway with crushed rock, and at a later date contract for the surfacing. Bids will be advertised for as soon after the plans and specifications are prepared as possible and it is estimated the work will start in about forty-five days, or the middle of July.

The order passed by the Highway commission at the Tuesday session means that nearly twice as much money will be spent on Coleman county highways as was at first expected and that many men will be employed. Work was progressing on all the highways simultaneously when Attorney General Dan Moody entered suits against the various contractors and stopped progress. Chats piled by the side of the road have been going to waste, and how they will be used under the new order is not known. Had the work continued at that time resurfacing would have been sufficient. But delay has wrought havoc. Heavy traffic caused by the discovery of oil in several parts of the county has increased traffic perhaps 50 per cent and a gravel road is insufficient to stand the strain.—Coleman Democrat-Voice.

The Coleman paper does not say what the cost would have been originally, when re-surfacing would have been sufficient, but merely says that the cost now would be near double. If the repairing requires three inches of stone, according to contract recently let on three-fourths of a mile west of Baird on the Bankhead highway, for ten thousand and some hundred dollars according to press reports, would make the cost of re-building or re-surfacing the sixty-five miles at \$13,000 per mile would be \$845,000. Then subtract the cost originally of re-surfacing we find somewhere in the neighborhood of \$500,000 saved, "over the left," by Moody, in one county alone. Of course we do not know what the cost of re-surfacing on the Coleman roads would have been months ago, when work was stopped by Moody's suit against the company that was doing the work. Evidently the loss in material and damage to the road by stopping the work, has cost the state and Coleman county heavily whether our figures are correct or incorrect. It is easy to figure it out by any one who has access to the original contract. Then figure the cost of re-building the road, damage caused by stopping the work. Loss in material that has been scattered and possibly worthless, because it may cost more to gather up these scattered crushed stones than to buy other. If the real facts are ever known the probable cost to Coleman county road construction will prove far greater than even Moody claimed the Hoffman Construction had overcharged the state, and that suit is still pending in the courts, and not likely to be decided now until after the primary election, when it will be of no use to Moody whether he gains or loses. If he gains Moody will likely have a hard time proving to the tax payers of Coleman county that they have not lost heavily by the suit, certainly not if they have to stand one-third of the loss, possibly one-half of the loss will fall on the county, as the federal government may refuse to stand one-third of the losses, because of suits brought by state officials. It is a pretty kettle of political fish, no matter how one views it. Wonder how many other counties are affected as Coleman county is affected by Moody's suits?

The Ku Klux Klan down at Austin has found it advisable to get into public notice with a denial that it is supporting Dan Moody for governor. The Austin Klan in making this denial says that automobile windshield stickers carrying the legend "Dan's The Man, Says The Klan," are not put out by Austin kluckers. In this connection A. B. Anderson, editor and owner of the Brookshire Times, replying to a question from Dan Moody asking whom he is supporting for governor puts the question to Dan asking if he is sanctioning such stickers and also asks Dan how he stands on the search and seizure law and the anti-mask law. Mr. Anderson's letter will be found in another place in the Forum.

## Congress Makes New Record With Nearly 17,000 New Bills

Washington, June 30.—Whatever other fame it achieves, the present congress will set up on record that probably will stand for a long time—the number of bills, its members poured into the hoppers of house and senate.

More bills have been introduced this year than in any other single session of congress, according to veteran employees who have counted them for years.

If all the bills and resolutions were enacted, the treasury would face a deficit of billions of dollars, the country would be dotted with new and strange projects of all kinds, new procedure would be established and the constitution would have a new face.

There have been introduced during the 134 days of this session a grand total of 16,936 bills, an average of 127 a day, of which 12,550 have been presented to the house and 4,375 to the senate. This is the record for one session, half of the Sixty-ninth congress, which was 16,884. At the present rate the record for the Sixty-ninth congress will be 33,910.

To June 6 only 378 bills had been enacted into law this session, slightly over 2 per cent of those proposed.

The record in the house this year is held by a new member, Representative Menges, representative of Pennsylvania, who overran the page assigned in the record book with 199 bills, all private in character. The record in the senate, however, is held by a veteran Senator Curtis of Kansas, republican floor leader, who has introduced 309 bills, mostly private claims. His closest rival is a comparative new comer, Senator Copeland, democrat, of New York, who has presented 205. Senator Capper of Kansas has introduced 162. One of the senate millionaires, Senator Dupont, republican of Delaware, was close to the bottom with four.

## 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, Heckley Co.
- BELL COUNTY
- For County Assessor: W. T. HARRIS, E. H. RAY, E. B. BRIDGES
- For County Judge: OWEN P. CARPENTER
- For County Clerk: JOE ALSUP, A. L. (ROY) MONTEITH
- For Commissioner, Precinct No. 3: W. M. McDONALD, S. E. WHITE, W. F. BLUM JR.
- For Constable, Precinct No. 5: G. E. HAMRICK

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Passenger Traffic Mgr.  
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Dallas, Texas

# Moody's Candidacy As It Is Seen by T. H. McGregor Former Senator at Austin

(The Forum this week presents the conclusion of the speech made at Gilmer by Senator T. H. McGregor. The first portion of the speech was printed last week and there have been many letters received in commendation of the portion printed and requesting copies of the Forum containing the conclusion.)

### American Road Company Case.

"To all that breathe the air of heaven Some boon of strength has nature given." She gave to the hare speed and gave to the lion strength. To the lower animals she gave instinct. She put man at the head of the animal creation and gave to him a mind and pure reason on its throne. Since the dawn of the world, logic—reason—has directed the progress, shaped the destiny of man and nations and has controlled the world.

Without the power to reason, common to all men without mastery of logic, the charm and strength and characteristic of American manhood, the human race would be no better than the lower animals and man would cease to be erect and could claim no more than image of his maker.

The power to reason is the agency by which man analyzes facts; is the instrument with which they appraise and determine the value of the acts of man. This is what the Hebrew meant when he said "Give a reason for the fact that is in you." This was the wisdom that preserved the thought of Israel's King when he said "Come let us reason together."

That is all I am going to do today and all I am going to ask you to do is to bring your human nature, your common sense, your cornfield logic and let us reason together.

It is a rule of the law as old as history, a rule of justice, a rule of wisdom and sustained by the experience of the human race, that if a person is charged with the selection of an agent to perform a public or private function and if in the selection of that agent he exercises ordinary care, then he cannot be held responsible for any wrongful act which he may thereafter be committed.

I am making this argument to people who think—who think right and whose native instincts induce them to be just. Mr. Moody charged that this Commission had constituted a contract which was fraudulent and unconscionable and that thereafter they had on deposit in a Kansas City Bank, the fruits of this contract in the sum of more than four hundred thousand dollars. Then by argument, insinuation and innuendo, he tries to lead us to believe that this money was to be divided with somebody connected with the Highway Department or with the State administration.

When Mrs. Ferguson was elected Governor and went about the selection of the Highway Commission, the first man she named on that Commission was John H. Bickett. Mr. Bickett had been sheriff of Milam County and held many offices of trust in this State, had filled them all with honor to himself and with credit to the State. This is known as a part of the history of Texas, for he has been a part of the history of Texas. He had been a personal friend of Governor Jas. E. Ferguson for forty years, their relations having been close and intimate.

Ferguson either knew what everybody else knew in Texas, or John H. Bickett was of unassailable integrity and appointed him for that reason in order to serve the best interests of the State, or he appointed him to control him. Mr. Moody in his written petition, in the first proposition, which automatically takes the second proposition out of the discussion for he alleges in his petition that Mr. Bickett was not a party to the American Road Company's contract and was not responsible therefor.

Then so far as Mr. Bickett is concerned, in his selection Mrs. Ferguson exercised the care which the law requires and Mr. Moody exonerates him from any connection with even a questionable contract. Is it not strange that the only man on that Commission who was Jim Ferguson's personal friend should be above an assault by the Attorney General. That outstanding fact alone ought to exonerate Mr. Bickett's appointment and the appointment of the entire Commission at the hands of the Governor.

The next man appointed on that Commission was Frank Lanham. His father was as gallant a Confederate soldier as followed the flag of the Confederacy. He served his state nearly twenty years in the U. S. Congress and was its Governor for four years, and he approached the end of his career wearing the honors of his people and without a stain on his private or public life. Frank Lanham's brother, Fritz Lanham, was long the idol of the students of the University of Texas, and was elected to Congress for more than a decade and the mantle of his illustrious father draped gracefully his official life on which there is neither stain nor reproach. In such a family Frank Lanham was born and grew to manhood. His childhood, his youth and his young manhood were spent in personal contact with public activities, under the tutelage of a jealous guardian of the rights and integrity of the people of Texas. Educated in the institutions of this State, Frank Lanham became a road contractor, a contractor of bridges, construction and maintenance—the very science of the Department to which Governor Ferguson appointed him.

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cause it is not pertinent to what I am saying, further than to show that she sought an opportunity through the Courts to vindicate the correctness of her position and the Attorney General who was assaulting her coming into the case and denied her the right to sustain her position. After this was done the case was compromised by the payment of a large sum of money; Mr. Moody claims six hundred thousand dollars, to the State and the contracts were cancelled. Governor Ferguson claims that the cancellation of these contracts relieved the Road Company of, and released them from a million dollar obligation. After this was done it was developed and has since been admitted that the Road Company thought they had won such a victory in this case through this settlement that they paid their lawyers cash money "on the barrel head" for securing the settlement, the enormous fee of one hundred thousand dollars "current money with the merchant."

The important, outstanding and controlling fact in the compromise and settlement of this American Road Company case is the magnitude of this tremendous fee of one hundred thousand dollars. This Company either gave or secured the pardon for themselves and against the State in this compromise or their attorneys charged them an exorbitant and unconscionable fee. The cost of any service is always measured by its value, and this is especially true in all professional matters. For instance, a doctor will charge you more for "saving your leg than he will for "saving your little finger. It is on this theory that a lawyer fixes his fee. The chief element of consideration is the value of the service rendered to the client. As this value goes up the fee automatically goes up and as the value goes down the fee goes down. Given then the size of the fee paid as the known quantity we can easily ascertain the value of the service rendered by the lawyer to his client.

This American Road Company case was handled almost entirely in the city of Austin by the attorneys for the defense. Mr. Moody was allowed within less than sixty days after it was brought; judgment was entered; money was paid and the defendants were released from the execution of the contract and all parties permitted to go hence rejoicing and "without a care in the world." Another grand institution which Mr. Moody complains about is the Grand Jury. He says that testimony taken before the grand jury in those cases where no indictment is found, tends to the benefit of the defendant. I do not know who is financing Mr. Moody's campaign but these are his attitudes on oil and libel and are supported by the facts.

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location and publicity gives it a rental value of more than one thousand dollars per month.

In the city of Fort Worth his headquarters are located in the Texas Hotel and in the city of Austin local headquarters are maintained in the Austin Hotel and State headquarters are in the Littlefield building.

All these headquarters are busy with workers, burdening the mail with letters, circulars, newspapers, return postal cards and other data which would lead one to believe that Mr. Moody's campaign managers in these expenditures, at least, have been taking lessons from the Republicans of Pennsylvania.

In addition to this the daily press of this State are in each issue hatching for him prepared articles and columns of news which consume thousands of dollars of their space. Who is paying this freight?

Mr. Moody has never declared himself on the proposition to tax gasoline. He permitted the cancellation of the judgment secured by the oil companies from the Greenville by releasing the stock which had been impounded to prevent that company from creating a trust in Texas. The remission of this part of their judgment was in consideration of the exercise of the pardoning power and the only instance in which he could exercise the pardoning power and "he went for it there and then." His record on pardons then ought to meet the Ku Klux approval for it is one hundred per cent.

Mr. Moody has declared for the amendment of the libel laws and complained that if a newspaper charged a man with some corrupt or criminal act and was sued on such charge, that they had to prove that the charge was true. I submit that that ought to be the law, is the law and has been for more than five hundred years among the English speaking people. It is also the law, equally ancient and equally sound, that the truth of a charge is a complete defense against a suit for libel. What kind of a change for the law does Mr. Moody want to make in the libel law?

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ance in Massachusetts in which argument John Adams said were the seeds of the American Revolution and which would preserve the name and force of Jas. Otis so long as men love liberty and free governments survived. And this is the amendment of the principle of government which this young man with the dew of youth on his political cheeks says is "not as good as some people think it is." I commend to him upon his retirement from politics in July, the great opinions of Camden and the arguments of Jas. Otis. From these inherent natural and inalienable rights of the English speaking people, if he will permit a knowledge of history, of the principles of government and the science of the law to overtake and keep pace with his ambition and his conceded honesty, he may ultimately reach the conclusion that these great rights, the right of the people to be secure in their privacy, are far better than anyone believes.

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# FOURTH WEEK OUT

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Uncle William Caldwell told me the same thing. So did John Easterwood. They know.

From Athens I went to Tyler where I spoke Friday night. Ten thousand people had assembled at the speaking hour, but the rain drove at least half the crowd home. But 5,000 stayed and the rain quit.

I was introduced by Col. T. N. Jones, who told the crowd that if Moody was elected he not only would have to have a proxy for governor, but he would have to have a king's privy council and the king would be King Evans of the K. K. K.

The town of Tyler will probably go against the governor, but not near so strong as in the past. It was against Jim Hogg also. The country people in Smith county are for the governor and I predict the result in Smith county will be a dog fall and if the governor loses the county it will be by a decreased majority. This would not be but for the activities of the Ku Klux. In this connection, however, I want to say that in traveling around over the state I find that the klan has busted up and scattered everywhere except in a few centers like Tyler. All the ex-members of the klan, who have quit the order, are for the governor. It is only the remaining members who are trying to make the klan a political asset that are attempting to keep the organization alive.

From Tyler I went to Marshall and my old friend Behn Cook was on hand enjoying his 69th birthday. When Behn told me that the governor would win in Harrison county 400 votes I knew it was that way. He never fails to call the turn.

My old friend Dr. Blalock was in charge of the ceremonies and everything had been arranged for in good shape. Seven thousand people were in town from the country. A big rain came up just as the speaking hour arrived and the crowd had to scatter, with the exception of about 500 who jammed the court house where I spoke. Mayor Owens welcomed the governor to Marshall and Mrs. Turner introduced the governor. Miss Isabell presented the governor with flowers and I was introduced by Hon. Frank Davis.

The speaking was orderly except that one fellow who was drunk continued to holler for Moody. I pointed him out to the crowd and called attention to him being drunk, and he "tore" out of the building. The thing I don't understand is why so many drunk people are for Moody. And yet they may be thinking of Colquitt, Carter and Hobby, who are so prominently connected with the Moody campaign.

The governor's campaign is all that could be asked for. It is growing every day. Her organization is on the job in every county and we are getting favorable reports from every county in Texas. If anybody thinks that Moody has any chance, just get them to try to name twenty-five counties that Moody will carry and you will stump them right now. After you give him (which I do not concede) Jefferson, Harris, Travis, McLennan, Dallas, Wichita, Potter, Smith, Taylor and Grayson and possibly Williamson, there is not a baker's dozen left of the remaining 242 counties in Texas.

It is out now in Austin that Moody's assistant manager said that the Moody campaign liked to have gone to pieces last week. But whether it is so or not, he did have to change his campaign manager for the state and he has gotten rid of Pinkney and put Judge Wilcox in charge.

Read me next week. I think something is going to pop.

JAS. E. FERGUSON.

## Some Letters To the Forum

### Ferguson Votes Increase.

Editor Forum: When my brother and I began to vote for Jim Ferguson, two votes were all we had. There are now three votes at my house and seven at my brother's house. I have four sisters and three brothers-in-law with their increase; all of these started to vote for Jim single handed as I did but the increase in the voting strength of their families is greater than that of mine and every mother's son and daughter of them are for Ma first, last and all the time. We folks of the creek forks are not asleep and every time a son or daughter becomes a voter it means one more for Ma.

R. L. HOWELL, Waxahachie, Texas.

### She Has Those Right

Editor Forum: While Christ was in Bethany in the house of Simon as he sat at meat there came a woman having an alabaster cruse of ointment very costly and she broke the cruse and poured it over his head and there were some present who murmured and complained saying, "For what purpose was this waste?" But Christ said, unto the complainers, "Let her alone, why trouble ye her, she hath wrought a good work and verily I say unto you whosoever the gospel shall be preached that which this woman hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her." So as true as it was in the Savior's earthly ministry so is it in these days, there are always some who are ever ready to criticize, condemn and who are ever ready to write too hasty a verdict. Why so much unjust criticism, so much false allegation hurled at our dear beloved Governor, Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson? She has done the right as God has given her to know the right, with faith in Him she has sought to do justly and to walk humbly before God. She has made Texas the best governor that the old Lone Star State has had. She has served Texas with honor to herself and a credit to Texas and the voice of the people which is the voice of God is going to be heard to speak a rebuke to her false accusers in the language of our blessed Savior, "Let

her alone, she has done what she could, and that which she has done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her." So whosoever the gospel of free constitutional government and tolerance and trial by jury of one's peers in open court and a successful, faithful, efficient administration of the affairs of state, wherever this above mentioned shall be preached throughout all the land whether it be proclaimed in Hall of Congress or from pulpit or from press this great work and much good which has been done for us by our first lady of State, Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson, it shall be spoken of as a memorial for her, yes, a memorial that will ever live on and on forever enshrined in the hearts of her countrymen.

H. E. PERRY, Windom, Texas.

### An Old Time Friend

Editor Forum: Everything is quiet in this country except just a few and they have just about run out of soap, political soap. I mean 2x4 kind. We do not hear much from the K. K. K. They belong to what we call the still water kind, so still, so deep that you cannot see to the bottom. We think on account of so much mud. We think that Ma is running fine out here. One will just to be heard say something about pardoning so many. They are just a very few, that heard some fellow that was sitting and talking on some fellow's goods box, telling them something in opposition to Ma Ferguson's disposition about pardoning so many convicts without knowing anything about how it is done. If they only knew anything about it how ashamed they would feel about such great and important a matter as the pardoning is. Oh, if you would study just a moment a think about how you schemed with your lawyers when you were unfortunate enough as to be brought before our courts of justice for supposed to be crime. Oh, how you would dread the decision of that jury, especially if you were guilty the least bit, how you would scheme to keep that witness from testifying.

What for? To keep out of that awful place, the penitentiary.

Now, listen, to an old friend, how can you blame the governor after making for instance as narrow an escape as you did when your case was in charge of the jury you could not sleep nor eat scarcely until that jury brought in the verdict, not guilty, is what you wanted to hear. What for? Oh, that awful penitentiary was what you dreaded and you know it too. God bless us with another administration just as good as we have now, with Ma Ferguson our chief executive. Oh come, come on Jim and tell it to them. I am Johnnie on the spot and a whole lot of us when we bunch up.

Your old time friend,  
J. L. DOGGETT, Center, Texas.

### He Reads and He Knows and Is For Ferguson.

Editor Forum: I am taking over half a dozen daily and weekly papers sifting carefully the politics of the day in order when I am ready to cast my vote it will be intelligently done and not as some voters who read and not one side of the question or read nothing and go with candidates that tell lies to their opponents in order to gain unintelligent votes.

Some of the short minded voters might forget Jim Ferguson but I believe the majority have never forgotten Jim who saved Texas from a revolution which was expected between the Klans and the Anti-Klans. Ever since the mask law took effect I have been seeking to find a man permanently interested with K. K. K. from whom I might inquire something important to me about these masks? On June 10th I was glad to read in the Dallas News the name of Senator R. S. Bowers of Caldwell, Texas, under an article and I hope he might see my following letter.

Dear Mr. Bowers: I am a merchant and when my merchandise gets out of style I keep it from year to year in hopes that the style will come back and I will get my money from it. But something has puzzled me, what became of those masks? Don't the owners keep them with hopes that they will become stylish again? To be frank with you I have a market for them, would like to buy all I can. I will pay the actual cost of those belonging to the preachers and officials, for the others I will pay whatever they are worth. It is not Fer-

guson alone who knows that K. K. K.'s are like fire hidden under ashes, 100 per cent of them supporting any one running against Ferguson whether they fit for the position or not. All the fault that I can find in Jim Ferguson is when he advised his wife, and she was a perfectly good cook and he invited me for dinner, wouldn't it be wise for me to see that he advised his wife in the kitchen to make me a perfect meal. Does his advice hurt my stomach?

Texas farmers do not need an office to run an office, but at the same time confidence and economy and it would not help the farmer a bit if a candidate was enlisted or drafted in the previous was as long as the attorney can find out a place too far away from the gun. All the farmers need is a good government to help them to break even with their limited income. Ferguson can do the job and knows how to stretch a barbwire and run a fence between the farmer and the tax-eaters.

I am for Ma until a new person is elected and can convince me that he can and will do better.

G. COURY, Post, Texas.

### Lubbock County for Ferguson.

Editor Forum: I and I haven't a thing against Pa. Six in the race for Governor in sunny Texas for 1926. A battle royal for the July primary, three men and three women. We can't vote for them all, we will just take Ma for a second term. The others have no office hunters and tell us why swap horses in the middle of the creek? Oh, the big newspapers say old Jim has played the Devil, but the common herd of voters read between the lines—can't fool them any more, boys. Oh yes, some guys say we may have an extra session called by Ma to put Texas on a foundation that our bonds will be A-1. How many farmers have asked and signed up on any piece of paper, made any appeal for a called session. Come on now, you shrewd politicians and politicians, tell us how many farmers want to run this State in thousands of dollars more taxes for the now overburdened tax payer to carry, just to please a few. Six months and the Legislature will meet and then the storm will be over. Ma will make old Texas valid. These bonds will sell now at par, why worry? You smart political preachers that wanted woman's suffrage so bad in 1918 to elect Hobby, I happen to know—I was State and County Tax Collector of good old Jones County, Texas, from 1912 to 1918 inclusive, and I know several hundred poll tax exemptions for women but since 1918 you leaders of Prohibition and Woman Suffrage men do not want the women to have a look in at the pie counter. We farmers, laborers and wives of each are going to get the same, the your medicine—Fergusonism, Fergusonism. Don't that make you laugh? We are with you Farmer Jim. Scrap them from Texarkana to El Paso, from the north end of the Panhandle to the Gulf of Mexico. The rank and file of good democracy are behind you, and your noble wife, our Governor—our liberties and religion are at stake—come on my good K. K. K. friends, quit that un-American outfit, come on you monkey fellows, quit that fool idea that the Bible condemns. Let's be Americans—let's be Texans. Do you know you can't force that stuff down any one that believes in the Bible and a southern born American. What you say Brother J. Frank Norris? Ma will carry Lubbock county.

R. L. BARRETT, Lubbock, Texas.

### Entitled to Another Term.

Editor Forum: Well, let's all of us Ferguson voters get together the 24th day of July and put our true and honest Ma Ferguson back in the Governor's chair for another term. She has been our whitest and best governor since Jim was in. She has put Texas in the best condition it has been in in many years. Ma is faithful, true and honest; she has the others skinned a city block. We need somebody up there like her, somebody to sympathize with the farmers. And Dan can't do many things. He has a mighty big head. Did you ever thump around it and see if he had any empty rooms. He has some up there somewhere. Daniel Jiggs, Ma is spending for governor. Jim. Of course we know that you can't sling mud at Ma, 'cause she is a woman and women are usually better than men, especially K. K. K.'s. Yes, Jim's a good advisor, we all know that and we don't object to him giving Ma some advice. He sure don't advise her wrong. We'll admit Jim is rough on the Klucker but they mustn't kluck so loud. Jim is just the kind I like. I know Lynch and Dan are wild to get to be called governor but we must have Ma for the next term. Dan he must learn in the next two years that he can't be king anytime he wants to. Even unto (Zim) would love to be Governor a little season. Ma must have the reins on for awhile yet. We're proud of her. If she could stay in ten years Texas would be a new state, and much richer. So true democrats let's give Miriam A. Ferguson the chair, she is entitled to. I have always been for the Ferguson and always will. I think there are lots of voters here. Goodbye Dan and Hello Ma.

Yours until you visit Hi-Evans.  
G. T. FUGITT, Sanger, Texas, R. 3.

### Wants More Fergusonism.

Editor Forum: I am putting in my say in praise of Jim and Ma. Having lived in Texas since January 1872 and having observed closely the political trend and the leaders all along the line and having observed many very crude signal failures, criminally so, notably the Sayers and Hobby regimes. Jim Ferguson's administration did more good for the masses of the people than all the rest rolled together. Yet, he made some mistakes by word and deed and I think he realizes the same and is making amends. He is a good student and is learning fast. Ma is teaching him the intrinsic value of a good woman State issue keeper and Pa does the

outside drudgery and helps Ma around the house, brings wood and water and builds fires, etc. etc. The people here are not talking much but thinking and acting. I think Fergusonism will go as strong in Grimes county for next election as last. I am perfectly delighted with Fergusonism and want more of the same. Though I am not a democrat according to that party's course since 1861, though I served three years and a half as a Confederate soldier and came out of that fratricidal affair at its close before reaching the age of twenty years and was deprived of an education and my youthful life in Henshish strife in my innocent ignorance! But we are evolving toward the light of civilization but Kluxism, fundamentalism is surcharged with hate as of old and trying to block the highway of progress, the law of the cosmos, their faith-blinders are so complete that they can't see a fact that does not suit them. They never move and do not know that anything else is moving.

I am now past eighty years here in this good old world and have acquired a new youth. Love and youth have ages of even date. 'God is love' and logically love is God, otherwise good.

Read this available for print in your paper unit. If you are an old rebel who served in the Virginia army under Gen. R. E. Lee or in the Gulf Department see this, I would be glad to hear from them. I belonged to the 18th Mississippi Infantry Regiment and 1st Mississippi Artillery at different times. I went from Yazoo county, Mississippi.

Here's three cheers for Ma and Pa.

C. R. LONG, R. 1, Box 31, Bedias, Texas.

### South Plains for Ferguson.

Editor Forum: I see so many good letters in the Forum I thought I would let you hear from South Plains, Terry county. I think the prospects for Mrs. Ferguson are way ahead of what they were two years ago. She is so far ahead of any other governor we have had, the people of Texas will give her the largest majority any governor ever got. There are not many Moody men in this part of Texas. Say Dan Makes me think of a little dog I heard of once. They put him in a cellar when he was a pup and never let him out until he was nearly grown; the first thing he saw was the moon, so he sat down on his tail and barked himself to death and the moon just rolled on in its splendor as if there had never been a dog. So with Mrs. Ferguson after Dan has bawled himself to private life she will wait her way back to the governor's chair the same as if Dan had never been born. Say, I'll bet if you were to tell Dan that it took two buckets of water to get breakfast he could not tell how far it was to the spring. He'll go home the night of the 14th of July looking so bad that his wife will be uneasy about him and ask him "what is the matter?" and he'll say, "Oh, nothing only I'm just busy, let's pray." I was taught to always speak good of anybody so I'll quit for fear I'll say something bad.

As ever your supporter,  
J. H. THORNTON, Meadow, Texas.

### Here For the Record She Has Made.

Editor Forum: Personally I was opposed to Woman Suffrage and if the question of disfranchising the women should come up during my existence I shall cast my vote in favor of disfranchising them. My opposition to Woman Suffrage is founded upon the teaching of the "Holy Bible." I take the position that the Bible is true from

Genesis to Revelation and that God made no mistake when he defined the position that woman should occupy. Woman Suffrage is the result of the effort of the politicians who figured that they could manage them in a manner that would give them an advantage politically that they could not otherwise gain. Now that women have the same privilege both as to voting and holding office, I shall cast my vote in the future for every woman candidate for county or state office and would be glad to have every old time democrat do likewise. Let us join hands with the women and fill all offices with women, state and county and precinct. If the good women will stick together and vote solidly for their sex with the aid of only a few male votes they will naturally get no chance to defeat them for any office sought. While I am not in sympathy with Woman Suffrage, yet, it is the law and so long as it so stands I will do everything in my power to aid the women in getting into possession of every good paying office within the confines of our state and nation. The female vote is about 50 per cent of the whole united they can obtain all offices, divided they will lose. Nothing would please me more than to see the whole of the suffrage vote cast for Ma Ferguson. The governor is entitled to second term, not only to carry out an old time custom but same is further due her on account of the good record made.

J. W. NEATHERY, Farmersville, Texas.

### Ma Has Kept the Faith.

Editor Forum: From what I can learn from the good people I talk to, Ma's vote in the first primary will be more than her opponents combined.

What do the people want with a boy lawyer—who has been raised with a silver spoon in his mouth and does not know how to hoe a row of cotton or milk a cow. Such men should stay at home and learn the value of a dollar and what it cost to make one. Put practical men and

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