

# The Ferguson Forum



## Dan Will Not Be Governor Is Prophecy of Lea Beaty, Veteran Texas Politician

Editor Forum:

It is encouraging to a Ferguson supporter to read in the daily paper, articles justifying and commending the present administration, by Colonel T. N. Jones, Senator Joseph Bailey, R. R. Owen, Thos. C. Andrews, H. C. Fuller, all prominent citizens of Texas. Speaking as a politician this great fuss in my opinion is just to confuse the people. It is Bush Wah. In due time, the bonds will be validated, unless the methods used by Ferguson enemies might encourage some people to vote against validation. Fact is, Moody, Kemp and others are doing more to damage bond holders than Ferguson and all his friends—not only bond holders but the state of Texas.

Some of the gentlemen whom I've named supporting Mrs. Ferguson say Texas is in better condition than for forty years. If that be true, another term by Ferguson will show still better conditions. All this talk about Governor by proxy is tom foolery. Two heads are better than one, pity some Governors did not have someone like Jim to advise them. In railroading a small engine will pull a light load on level land, but when you have a heavy load and high grade you must use two engines—a double-header if you please. We have the double-header now and my opinion is they will knock Dan off the track. These Moodyites care not for the bonds. They want to defeat Ferguson's. Dan will not be Governor.

Lockhart, Texas.

LEA BEATY,

## More Than 25,000 Cheer Jim Ferguson Speech at Hostyn, Fayette County

### North East Texas Strong for Second Term for Governor

Editor Forum:

I have lately traveled over a number of counties in northeast Texas and everything points to a second term for Ma. I want to say that I have been for you since the first speech I heard you make in Comanche in 1914.

Must say Brother Holoman of Kempner knocked a home run in his article in the Forum of July 1. Pour it on 'em. I am with you first, last and all the time.

JAMES OLIVER SHELTON,  
Box 422, Gilmer, Texas.

### Ma Drops Campaign Worry to Preserve Three Gallons Figs

Austin, Texas, July 6.—Governor Miriam A. Ferguson donned the housewife's apron and went into the kitchen Tuesday to preserve three gallons of figs. Mrs. Ferguson has long been a champion preserver of fruits.

The figs preserved in the executive kitchens were gathered from the trees on the executive mansion grounds. They were planted by Governor and Mrs. S. W. T. Lanham and are large and prolific producers.

\$6,500 Fire in Corsicana.  
Corsicana, Tex., July 7.—Fire in the business section early Wednesday caused damage estimated at \$6,500. A cafe and barber shop were destroyed and surrounded property threatened.

La Grange, Texas, July 7.—An outpouring of people such as had not been seen before in the history of Fayette and adjoining counties gathered at Hostyn near here Monday, July 5 to hear Jim Ferguson speak in behalf of his wife's candidacy for re-election and to defend her administration. By actual count more than 5,000 autos were there with loads of humanity and the traffic problem was one that taxed the ability of the local officers and their numerous assistants. More than 25,000 persons were on the beautiful grounds at Hostyn and despite the terrific heat and sultriness of the atmosphere the sweltering thousands stood through two hours listening intently to the speech of Jim Ferguson and cheering to the echo his arraignment of the plotters who are assailing his wife's administration and challenging them to show where she has not redeemed every promise and made actual reduction in appropriations for state expenses.

The great meeting held under the massive oaks which form a beautiful natural park was called to order by Rev. Father Paul Kasper, who introduced Judge George Willich of La Grange and he in turn introduced former Governor Ferguson. The speaker was greeted with cheers and shouts and during his speech he was frequently interrupted with enthusiastic applause and cries to "Pour it on 'em."

Thousands flocked to the speaking from Lavaca, Lee, Washington, Colorado, Bastrop, Gonzales and other counties and despite the almost scorching heat they remained throughout the meeting. Ferguson was drenched with perspiration as he spoke and yet smiling and radiant stood for a long time after the close receiving the congratulations of men and women who assured him that the governor will be returned for a second term.

## FIFTH WEEK ON THE ROAD!

From Marshall I went to Jefferson in Marion county and spent Sunday night. While there I saw the old Dave Culberson home where Charlie was raised. As I stood under the trees where Charlie used to play as a boy I could not but help remember how smart he came to be in later years in the game of politics and I remembered how outspoken Jim Hogg was for a second term of Governor Ross and how outspoken Charlie Culberson was for a second term for Governor Hogg and how ridiculous it would have been for anybody to have tried to beat either Ross, Hogg or Culberson for a second term as governor. All of which shows how foolish it is for Dan Moody or any of his idiotic cohorts to think that Dan Moody is going to beat anybody for a second term. It never has been done mainly because it can't be done.

On Monday I went to Linden in Cass county and addressed what was said to be the largest political gathering ever assembled in Cass county. When I call attention to the fact that the staff writer of the Fort Worth Star Telegram wrote in that paper that is now so strong for Moody that my crowd was ten thousand, I suppose I can make the same statement without being accused of political misrepresentation.

I was introduced by Judge Hardy O'Neal. Judge O'Neal is one of the old time Scotch Irish statesmen of the south. The reason why he is held in such high esteem by the people of all East Texas is because of his innate honesty and his undisputed ability. Had he lived under different conditions he likely would have been regarded as of the courage of Andrew Jackson and of the mentality of Abraham Lincoln. In my opinion he is the undiscovered statesman of Texas. There were people from ten different counties at the Linden meeting and it was distinctly a Ferguson crowd. The governor carried Cass county by 314 majority over Robertson. She will carry it this time by more than 700 majority.

On Monday night Capt. Silas Granberry entertained me at the home of his son who lives on the old Granberry homestead which is in the north end of Cass county. By way of surprise after supper there were 150 automobiles bearing six or seven hundred people who called to pay their respects, and among them was my old time democratic friend, Dr. A. C. Oliver, now in his 87th year. Dr. Oliver is exceedingly vigorous for his age and it appeared to me that his mind is just as clear as it was when I first met him more than twenty years ago. The doctor says that the governor is twice as strong with the farmers as I ever was and I think the doctor knows what he is talking about.

The next day, on Tuesday, I went to Clarksville and stopped for an hour in New Boston where I was met by a committee of friends composed of John W. Eddins, J. C. Tyson and W. M. Blaxham. They escorted me over town and we met hundreds of people who assured me the governor had lost none of her strength in Bowie county. There is a probable increase of ten thousand poll taxes in Bowie county this year and as the governor carried this county by six hundred the last time I am sure she will carry it by at least twelve hundred. I saw Senator Lloyd Price and he told me that the governor had lost no strength in Bowie county.

I arrived at Clarksville about noon and was met by my friends, John Norris, Mr. Drury Taylor, Senator Floyd, S. B. Stanley and Ed Edwards. I had the smallest crowd at Clarksville since the speaking campaign began. The crowd was only about three thousand, but very responsive and representative. The meeting was presided over by District Judge J. R. Williams who commended the governor's administration very highly. I was introduced by Mr. Drury Taylor and his defense of the administration was cheered to the echo by the people present. The governor carried Red River county by one thousand before and it will be fifteen hundred this time. My old time pistol pocket friends, John T. Dickson, Tom Roach, R. E. Eubank and Joe Pollard came all the way to Clarksville to take me to Paris where I spoke on the public square on Tuesday night. There were easily six thousand people present and while a few hecklers again showed up when I discussed Dan Moody's war record the meeting was orderly and I had a very cordial reception. There were more than four thousand farmers in the audience and I shook hands with more than one thousand people, including some four hundred women, at the close of the speech. The governor lost Lamar county by 1147 votes before. I am frank to say that Lamar county is one of the ten counties that Moody may carry, but it will be by a decreased majority. The town of Paris is where the vote is against the governor. In the country like ninety-nine per cent of all other places in Texas the farmers are for the Ferguson administration.

This is just another fight that has been waged before in Texas many times between the silk stocking high brow corn fed aristocracy on the one side and the farming and laboring masses who produce the wealth of the country on the other. You can call it arraigning class against class if you want to but I am talking about facts. Moody can talk about all the crime of Fergusonism that he wants to, but when a farmer or a carpenter takes a look at Moody it don't take him two minutes to know that he is not of his stripe or his kind.

While at Paris I got a sad message of the death of my old friend Will

## Jim Hogg's Close Friend, Former Campaign Manager, Says Hogg Would be for Ma

Editor Forum:

"If ex-Governor James Stephen Hogg were living today, he would be campaigning this state against Fergusonism and he would be doing all he could to elect Dan Moody—"

is a statement attributed to one of those who are campaigning in behalf of Dan Moody's candidacy for Governor. I followed the political fortunes of James Stephen Hogg before the gentleman who made that statement at Rusk, Kaufman and probably other places had ceased to use a nursing bottle. His name was on the first ballot I ever cast in any election. I assisted in managing and directing his two campaigns in the state for Governor in 1890 and 1892, and had absolute charge of the bitter political controversy in Smith County in 1892 when the Hogg-Clark contest was on. First hand I had the opportunity to know something of that statesman's political history and his views on public questions. I entertain the view that if he were alive today, instead of campaigning for Mr. Moody he would be endeavoring with all his influence to defeat him.

However, before expressing some views as to the correctness of the above quotation, it is entirely appropriate to say that Governor Hogg's friends throughout the state regret that his name has been dragged into this campaign for the purpose of endeavoring to boost a particular candidate, and for the purpose of inducing a few of his old friends to vote for that candidate for Governor. Tens of thousands of those who aided in bringing success to Governor Hogg are supporting Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson and are strongly opposed to Dan Moody and his candidacy. It should have been remembered that the very influences which endeavored to destroy him in 1891 and 1892 are now supporting Mr. Moody, and by every ingenious method known to corporate ability and shrewd political managers are seeking to prevent Mrs. Ferguson's nomination.

This campaign started on the 27th day of September, 1924, when the Good Government Democratic League organized and endorsed the republican candidate for governor. From that date, those who allied themselves with the Republican Party, persistently endeavored to create a condition which would produce discord between the leading members of the successful Democratic ticket. They succeeded in inducing Mr. Moody to write his anti-Amnesty Bill opinion, which opinion aligned the Governor and her friends and the Attorney-General and his friends into two antagonistic camps.

Contrary to general opinion, Mr. Moody is solely responsible for the controversy between himself and the Ferguson's. There was no excuse or justification for that opinion; but it was a part of the plan to split the Democratic forces and lay the predicate for this campaign. The plan was fostered by the Ku Klux Klan, the Butteites, the Ferguson-haters, and those who violated the pledge which they took in the Democratic primary and voted the Republican ticket. In order for the plan to work, it was necessary for bitter antagonism to exist between Ferguson and Moody. Moody was a receptive candidate for Governor before he took the oath of office as Attorney-General. The Legislature adjourned, and the papers throughout the state complimented and commended it without stint. They were somewhat reserved so far as Governor Ferguson was concerned. However, the administration had been so satisfactory that those who were opposed to some of Governor Ferguson's recommendations decided that something must be done.

The candidacy of Mr. Moody and the success of the schemes of the enemies of the Ferguson's began to grow very uncertain. In view of this situation, they decided to raise a controversy about the Highway Commission. Moody did not start that row; but he allowed ex-Governor Colquitt and the enemies of the administration to influence him. Mr. Colquitt published an interview, or gave out a statement, in which he claimed credit for starting the controversy. Mr. Moody admitted as much. Then Mr. Moody started his investigation before the courts and behind closed doors before

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## GOVERNOR FERGUSON WILL NOT WITHDRAW

My attention has been directed to another political falsehood carried by certain newspapers to the effect that it is rumored that I contemplate withdrawing from the governor's race. This rumor has come to me so repeatedly that I am compelled to publicly brand it as absolutely untrue and a rank political falsehood. It is too absurd and ridiculous to be considered by my friends. I entered this race to stay and to win. I have it won already and this rumor has been maliciously started to mislead my friends, and clearly shows the depths of desperation to which my enemies have gone.

As for the rumor that my husband's health has failed. That is utterly unfounded and untrue. He is in excellent health and is speaking before thousands of people every day, who can attest to his splendid condition.

Nothing but death will cause me to withdraw from the governor's race.

MIRIAM A. FERGUSON.

Austin, Texas, June 30, 1926.

### FERGUSON SPEAKING DATES

By James E. Ferguson

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.

By Senator T. H. McGregor

Yorktown .....	Saturday afternoon, July 10, 3 P. M.
Galveston .....	Tuesday night, July 13, 8 P. M.
Houston .....	Thursday night, July 15, 8 P. M.
Huntsville .....	Saturday night, July 17, 8 P. M.

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## 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's 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 fell dead with gratitude. Hatcher had appealed to me previous 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 political granny for Dan Moody in Austin and began to favor Sparks' bank 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 herself.

Moody, Hatcher and Marrs have organized the Big Three to fight the Fergusons, when all three of them owe their present jobs to the Fergusons 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.

JAS. E. FERGUSON.

## PUTTING THE QUESTIONS

Editor Forum:

We, the red blooded Americans of Hill County, have put the questions that have smoked the Ku Klux out of his den; and here are the questions:

First, do you belong to the Klan now or have you ever belonged?

Second, did you support the Democratic nominee in the last General Election for Governor?

Third, in case Mrs. Ferguson is the Democratic nominee in the coming primaries will you support her in the General Election?

These questions were written and then we got a good number to sign them and then gave them to the chairman to read to the candidates at the beginning of a speaking meeting.

This is the best method to smoke them out. Some will answer and some will not. And some will get mad and some will get hot; But, you can spot them.

JNO. C. GUNN,  
Hillsboro, Texas.

The Forum is going to the people carrying truth, not lies; facts, not fiction. The people rely upon it and believe what it tells them.

THE MOODY-KLAN-BUTTE PAPERS ARE CALLING THE FERGUSON SUPPORTERS "CULTIVATOR JOCKEYS." THIS YEAR, THUS SNEERING AT THE FARMERS. WHEN JIM HOGG WAS RUNNING FOR GOVERNOR THE PAPERS OPPOSING HIM ALWAYS MENTIONED THAT "THE MAN WITH THE HOE WAS PRESENT IN GREAT NUMBERS." THE SO-CALLED GREAT DAILIES ARE CONSISTENT IN THEIR SLURS UPON THE FARMERS, BUT AS USUAL THE FARMERS WILL ELECT THE GOVERNOR.

## DAN MOODY AND THE TEXTBOOKS

Editor Forum:

Section 14 of the Textbook law provides, among other things, that the prices of adopted books in Texas shall not be more than in other states. In the event that such prices are higher in Texas than in other states the Attorney-General to institute suit, in behalf of the state for damages accruing from such higher prices, or file suit for cancellation of contracts, or sue for the forfeiture of the bond, etc.

When I became a member of the Textbook commission, I began to investigate about the various prices of books in the other states. I found that Texas paid on the average of 22 cents more per high school book than California or Illinois paid for theirs. I notified Marrs. Then Attorney-General Moody received two letters from me on this price situation, one August 10 and the other August 13, but to this day, he has taken no action on this important matter. I checked seven high school texts and found that on these seven books the state lost \$88,000 and that if the higher prices prevailed all the way through then we Texas taxpayers are thankful to Dan Moody for paying \$616,000 more than we should have paid. Instead of doing his duty, he abuses me, calling me "Catspaw," Hootchie Hootchie, as he did in Victoria.

Dan, why did you not enforce this Textbook law and save this money to the taxpayers? The law charges you specifically to do it and yet you are derelict in the discharge of your official duties. I have a good reason to believe that, because the big book companies receiving this unlawful stipend are supporting you and Mr. Marrs. Every man's public record is subject to the criticism of every citizen and now it devolves on Mr. Moody to tell the people why he did not enforce this Textbook law, and save the people the School Fund which is very much depleted on account of his failure to do his duty. Dan, you and your friends have been nagging me, insinuating that I have no honesty or integrity, that I am a poor, ignorant, uncultured, uncivilized, two-by-four school teacher with an unpronounceable name, a name which you tried to pronounce like the name of the dance which Salome danced before Herod when she demanded the beheading of John the Baptist, let us have your answer soon, without equivocation or evasion.

F. W. CHUDEJ,  
Rural member State Textbook Commission,  
Austin, Texas.

## WILL HOGG, HUMORIST

Will Hogg is becoming a humorist in the opinion of his old time playmate and intimate friend, Jeff: McLemore, editor and publisher of the Hebbornville News. Jeff: has known Will since the latter's knickerbocker days and this is what he says:

"Mr. Will C. Hogg, who has become a millionaire because of some land left him by his father and which, since his father's death, has produced oil, is mailing out printed copies of a speech he made at a recent Dan Moody meeting, held in Houston, Mr. Hogg may not know it, but he is becoming a humorist, and which may be attributed to his association with Oscar Old McIntyre."

## DAN'S INCONSISTENCY

Editor Forum:

I wish to call attention to a few broken links in Dan's chain of honesty and consistency. He has been going over Texas telling how inconsistent Jim Ferguson and his wife are but Dan's own words show him up. He says the Amnesty bill passed by the last Legislature is unconstitutional and Ferguson knows it. Right on the other hand, he tells the people that the Legislature can meet in special session and validate a hundred million dollars in bonds. If a Legislature in regular session can't undo an act done by a previous Legislature, how does he think a special session can validate an act already held to be unconstitutional by the highest court of the land.

He says why doesn't Jim come from behind his wife's apron? Why old Jim has been out and above board all the time. He tried two years ago to get on the ticket and they said no that won't do, if that old fighting cock gets in the field there won't be even a pin feather left on the other birds.

The sole purpose in boosting a special session of the Legislature was to try to dig up some snakes to throw in Governor Ferguson's path and Dan knows that too.

Dan says his sole purpose in entering the Governor's race is the destruction of Fergusonism. Now if my only purpose in entering the race was to destroy a good mother and Governor whose every act has been on the side of mercy and forgiveness, I certainly wouldn't be bold enough to say so, let alone ask the people to vote for me.

Dan says the Ferguson administration is made up of a lot of unredeemed pledges, another broken link in Dan's chain. How does he know Fergusonism to be more distasteful than Moodyism might be? Ferguson told the people he would put the prison on paying basis. He did that. He told the people he would sponsor a bill to stop a secret organization dressed altogether in white clothes from applying the wagon trace. He did that. He promised to put a crimp in the batting average of some of the overzealous officers of Texas by helping the Search and Seizure Act over the top. Dan knows that too. Why doesn't Dan tell us where he stands on these questions? Now, Dan, don't forget you have been making some promises too. And if you should be elected, though I don't think there's a chance for you, you might not be able to carry out all of them as you are charging against Mrs. Ferguson. I know you won't if your lust for power spreads like it did in the Attorney General's office. It was like the snow on the mountain—covered everything. If you are running for Governor I would be careful and not make many promises as, if you remember, Felix D. Robertson and Dr. Butte made lots of promises and didn't get a chance to carry them out.

Dan's American Road Company suit reminds me of the old negro that stole the rooster—a ventriloquist saw the old negro steal the rooster and decided to have a little fun and asked the old negro, "Where are you carrying me?" He says, "I'm carrying you home." He waited a few minutes and threw his voice and said, "Where you gwine drap me?" The old negro says, "I gwine drap you right here."

Now these great patriots of Democracy, I wish to pay them a compliment. This old bunk about Democracy being in such great danger is nothing but the same old stale show that was put on during the other campaign. Believe me, the country people read and don't pay any more attention to such bunk than a fish would a bale of hay. Why during the war some were so patriotic the only way they could let the people know their patriotism was to run up and down the street telling them about it.

Ferguson has been persecuted for ten years and he has stood like a rock kissing the waves of a maddened sea and he has had to contend with Bull Doggers with much more ability and training than Dan has had in the political field and each time his foes have had to be picked up and carried from the field.

And on July 24th when this crowd that has been pouring forth their poisonous venom on a good Christian woman begins to hear the rumble of that Ferguson storm they will seeeping Texas.

I don't blame some of these disgruntled has-beens for fighting Ferguson, for that big Stillson wrench he dropped in their transmission gears two years ago sure tore up their wagon and they have had trouble getting repairs for their machine. Tom Love has rendered all assistance in his power to help get it in running shape, also Oscar O. Colquitt has volunteered his services to this crowd that never did support him when he ran for office.

C. C. PARKER,  
Elmo, Texas.

## Governor's Majority Will Surprise the Opposition Jim Ferguson Tells Press

Jim Ferguson gave out the following statement at Austin Saturday:

"While the election is twenty days away the result is already certain. Governor Ferguson's majority will be a bewildering surprise to the opposition. Lynch Davidson has made some gains at the expense of Moody, but it remains to be seen whether he will gain enough to lead Moody. If he had time he might do so. I am getting information from every county in the state and next week I am going to issue a statement showing what the vote will be by counties.

"Moody's campaign has already gone to pieces and if anybody doubts it just let them come to Austin and take a look at his deserted headquarters which three weeks ago were alive with scores of stenographers, managers and assistant managers who have for reasons well known sought other fields of employment of a more permanent nature. I notice this morning that Moody says that I have sold the oil under the penitentiary lands. This is of course as ridiculous as it is false. The Penitentiary Commissioners, composed of two appointees of Governor Neff who also appointed Moody, and only one Commissioner appointed by Governor Ferguson, leased 30,000 acres of the prison lands, with the approval of Governor Ferguson, for \$2.50 an acre bonus and the usual one-eighth royalty. The whole transaction was submitted to Moody as Attorney-General before being signed by the Governor and he in all things approved the contract. If there was anything wrong with this contract Moody had opportunity to object as the contract was made with his own crowd. If Moody were elected Governor I suppose he would put the state in the oil drilling business and lose the state millions of dollars, and if his crowd got in power they would sell the lands which would carry with it a sale of all the royalties, and I reaffirm that it would make the Teapot Dome scandal look like thirty cents. Moody has not denied my charges based upon the facts which are undisputed that he lost money in the settlement with the American Road Company. He has not denied, and of course cannot deny, the fact that all his charges about irregularities in the Text Book contract were exploded by the decision of the Supreme Court who found as a fact that there was no fraud in the transaction. When Moody and his crowd try to say otherwise they are going against the plain decision of the highest court in our state.

"Moody says that he is opposed to the law approved by the Governor and passed by the last Legislature to prevent the unlawful search and seizure of the private homes and places of business of the citizenship of the state without a proper search warrant, and he wants to repeal that law. This was the greatest piece of legislation ever put upon the statute books to protect the property and liberty of the citizen, and the election of Moody would mean another reign of fanaticism and official usurpation.

"There could be no greater evidence of Moody's incapacity as a lawyer than his argument that the people have already voted on the bonds which he wants validated by a called session of the Legislature. The fact that there had not been any legal election under any valid law was the very reason that the Supreme Court of the United States held the Archer County bonds invalid, because the voter and taxpayer affected by the bond issue had not had any opportunity to be heard on the question of benefits in shaping the bond district was the main reason why the Supreme Court of the United States held that the bonds were unconstitutional and void. The Governor wants the Legislature at the proper time to pass a law authorizing those rights and privileges be given to the voters and taxpayers in the districts involved because this is the only way to validate the bonds. If the people of any district have received the benefit of the bonds they can be depended upon to do everything to pay the bonds. I warn our friends now in the different fraternal organizations of the state who have their sinking funds invested in these road bonds that if they listen to Moody and his crowd they will lose every dollar of their money. Any legislation that does not meet the objections raised by the Supreme Court of the United States will not do any good toward validating the bonds, and nobody but a lawyer of Moody's meager ability would contend otherwise. The procedure which they propose means nothing but the loss of the money invested in these bonds and there is no use for anybody to get excited about this proposition. It is a cold blooded proposition of law. When the law is complied with in the way which I have proposed the people will be satisfied and the Supreme Court of the United States will be satisfied."

## RULES ON ABSENTEE VOTING

There will be a number of voters whose business or other engagements will take them from their regular voting precinct on primary day and the law provides a way for these to cast their ballots and have them counted. The information as to absentee voting and a copy of the official ballot will be supplied by the county clerk of the county in which the voter who expects to be absent on election day resides.

A synopsis of the rules for absentee voting has been prepared by the county clerk of one of the large counties of the state and is here given for the information of all who may be absent when the primary election is held. Here are the rules:

"Any qualified voter who expects to be absent from the county on primary election day may vote by observing the following:

"Not more than 10 nor less than three days prior to July 24, go in person before the county clerk and exhibit your poll tax receipt or exemption certificate. If not personally known to the clerk, you must be identified.

"The clerk will give you a ballot which you shall mark without assistance and return to him. The ballot will be sealed and voted for you by the presiding judge on election day and your poll tax receipt returned for you to the county clerk, where you may obtain it after election.

"If you cannot go before the county clerk in person but are temporarily absent from the county of your residence, you may still vote by going before a notary public at the point where you are, not more than 20 nor less than 10 days before July 24, 1926, and delivering to him your poll tax receipt or exemption certificate, or making affidavit of its loss, and he will send such paper to the county clerk. If he finds your name on the poll list, he will mail you a ballot which you will mark according to your vote and deliver to the notary public. The notary public will mail same to the county clerk and it will be voted in the usual way."

The voter must specify in writing to his county clerk whether he wishes a democratic or republican ballot as both parties hold primaries this year.

As between Dan and Denison the audience which heard Moody at Temple showed its unqualified preference for Denison, their neighbor, a man who has accomplished something for his state and community, of clean character, unchallenged integrity, lofty ideals and a courage that surpasses that of the "Red-headed Warrior of Williamson."

The editor of the Denison Sunday Gazetteer attended the speaking by Jim Ferguson at Bonham June 30 and wrote his comments upon that meeting styling it one of the greatest and most enthusiastic democratic gatherings in northeast Texas history. He also obtained the views of voters from other counties who were there and this is his summary of what he heard from them: "As a general resume of the political situation as regards the governor's race it was announced by delegations from Red River, Lamar, Hopkins, Delta, Hunt and Collin counties that Mrs. Ferguson would undoubtedly succeed herself, and these opinions were expressed by men who have made local politics a life-time study."

## Ferguson Club for Milam County Sees Majority for Ma

Cameron, Texas, July 7.—The Milam County Ferguson Club has been organized in Cameron.

Henry M. Heffley, president of the Texas State Bank and Trust company is chairman of the Ferguson club and W. A. Morrison is secretary of the club.

The executive committee for the organization is composed of 59 well known democrats from various sections of the county.

The first business to come before the committee was to arrange a speaking date here for former United States Senator Joseph Weldon Bailey and to arrange for an active campaign in Milam county.

The committee believes the best interests of Texas can be served by electing Mrs. Ferguson governor and will be active in support of her candidacy.

Milam county will go in the Ferguson column. Local supporters believe the governor will carry the county by a majority over all opponents in the first primary despite the Ku Klux and Butte support is to go to Dan Moody.

The following men are on the executive committee:

- R. L. Batte, W. W. Chambers, J. B. White, A. F. Mitchell, J. L. Clinton, Sam Heffley, E. L. Brod, Jos. Mondrik, E. L. Kahler, E. Vogel-sang Jr., J. K. Freeman, Geo. T. Moore, Mr. W. R. Newton, J. T. Farma, A. E. Smith, Hunter Duncan, R. S. Wiley, W. T. Elland, J. H. Burnett, Jud A. Ely, Geo. Fisher, Geo. Matula, Jim Mann, Will Vinton, Lee Wallace, H. Schulz, H. Schwartzing, Paul Thompson, C. R. Henderson, E. A. Barmore, J. T. Thwaitt, B. F. Pugh, W. C. Ford, C. V. Huff-man, Wm. Gregory, Bob Davis, E. Denker, W. A. Anderson, Earnest Richter, H. G. Murphy, Tom Neeley, Branch Lewis, F. H. McCawley, Ben McClellan, J. D. Peoples, R. S. Laird, O. C. Nolte, Will Vogel-sang, R. R. Tyson, A. V. Wokaty, J. C. Burke, H. H. Hine, H. C. Meyer, Joe Burnett, Tom Elnka, H. A. Fuchs, Jno. P. O'Neill, Joe Cahill, E. P. Lester.

## W. E. Masterson Named Judge at Houston as Successor to Love

Houston, Texas, July 7.—Judge William Masterson took the oath of office and became judge of the Harris County Criminal District Court at 10:50 a. m. Friday July 2.

He succeeds Judge W. G. Love, who died suddenly June 29.

The oath was administered by Henry H. Brand, deputy criminal district clerk, as the judge stood beside the railing in the office of Tom A. Graham, criminal district clerk.

Several interested persons were present, including Assistant District Attorney Bob Adams, L. G. King and E. A. Knipp; E. H. Fleming, foreman of the grand jury; Stenographer Walter Pridemore; Attorneys W. B. Bates and John Cobb, and three newspaper reporters.

The first official act of Judge Masterson was the appointment of Walter Pridemore as official stenographer of the court.

The judge in person administered the oath to the stenographer.

Judge Masterson then returned to his office in the First National Bank building, without entering the court room where he will preside until January 1, when one of the two candidates for criminal district judge, W. M. Holland or Whit Boyd will assume the duties of the judgeship.

Judge Masterson was notified July 1 by Former Governor James E. Ferguson that he would receive official notification next morning from Austin of the appointment.

The official announcement was made at 9:30 July 2, at Austin, by Governor Miriam A. Ferguson.

While the oath of office was being administered to the new judge, Hamilton Love, son of the late Judge Love, was in the adjoining office assembling and packing the private papers of Judge Love.

The naming of Judge Masterson for this vacancy is expected to meet with general approbation. He has already served twelve years on the bench, four years as county judge of Fort Bend county, and eight years as judge of the Fifty-Fifth Judicial District Court of Harris county.

Judge Masterson stated that he has agreed to serve until the expiration of the term on January 1.

He says the work is too strenuous to be undertaken by him for a great period of time, and that he does not desire to serve longer than January 1.

The ballot has closed on nominations for the position, which leaves Whit Boyd and W. M. Holland as the only candidates in the July primary.

Members of the present grand jury, the first and only grand jury sworn in by Judge Love during his brief tenure of office since February 20, met July 2, and immediately adjourned. No business was transacted by the investigating body during the interim between the death of Judge Love and the appointment of Judge Masterson.

The same grand jury will continue its duties under Judge Masterson.

## Coolidges Leave For Summer Camp

Washington, July 6.—President and Mrs. Coolidge left Washington late today for the Adirondacks, where they expect to spend the remainder of the summer at a camp on Lake Osgood, New York.

The presidential train is scheduled to arrive at Gabriels, a few miles from White Pine, the summer white house, early tomorrow. The last stage of the journey will be made by automobile.

The president worked in his office until time to go to the train.



SOME LETTERS FROM ALL PARTS OF TEXAS TO THE FORUM

A Little Boy's Contribution

Editor Forum: I am just a little eleven-year-old boy, not old enough to vote, but oh how I wish I could vote for Ma one time. I have my parents and lots of relatives, and every one of them is going to vote for Ma. I have composed a little song in honor of Ma, which I would be pleased to see printed in the Forum. My father has been a subscriber to the Forum since it first started out. Here is my song:

The Fate of Dan
Come all of you young people,
A story I will tell,
'Tis the fate of old Dan Moody,
You all remember well.
He rode into office,
Upon Ma's apron strings—
In about ten days or longer
He showed his aches and pains—
By coming out for Governor
Of our good old Lone Star State,
But on the twenty-fourth he'll
Repent his awful fate.
He went in with the ants,
He came out with the Klan,
And dear old Ku Klux
He's the man Ma's going to can.
Now wifey, don't be weary,
Oh Ku Klux don't be sad,
I'll tell you of old Danny
In an awful dream I had.
I dreamed that hardly ere
His campaign was on,
The dear old ant's killed it,
With their relentless pin.
Now wifey, don't be weary,
For the Klan is going to pray
That they will meet your Danny
Upon the Judgment Day.
Now Ku Klux don't you worry,
Oh you Ku Klux don't you cry—
For we, too, are praying,
You'll meet him when you die.
Farmersville, Texas, R. 2.

Farmer's Daughter Rebukes Critics

Editor Forum: Me for Ma! You bet I am. I am a farmer's daughter and am not old enough to vote but Daddy and mother are for her ten thousand strong! They had always been for the Fergusons and will continue to be for them. They are talking about so many of the convicts that have been pardoned. I know of a man here in Leon County who killed his wife and a lad of a boy in cold blood murder. This man was sent to the pen and in about two years Governor Hobby pardoned him. This man had relatives and some friends. They were anxious for him to come home. Yet some of these same folks are against Ma for the simple reason that she let some of the unfortunate convicts come home to their wives and little ones. I was in Huntsville when Governor Ferguson came to inspect the pen. I left Huntsville behind the "Convict Band" that met her at Phelps. When she came and shook hands with them I said then, "I'll always be for Ma."

Also they are "chewing the rag" because Jim advises his own wife, Poor Dan. I think his wife will have to advise him. If he had married before he announced for Governor she might have advised him not to leave the office he already had and turn upon his friends who helped elect him. Dan asked why Jim didn't go to the Spanish-American war? I was surprised that an educated man like he is supposed to be would ask such a question, when every one who has ever read any in a United States his-

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tary should know that Texas hardly knew anything about that war. Of course there were loved ones killed as always in any war. Every one knows they didn't draft any one then. The war didn't last very long and the soldiers came home. The Ku Klux are tooting their horns but alas I think it will be all in vain.
MAB PEARL WINGFIELD,
Llendon, Texas,
Leon County

Loyal Woman's Tribute to Fergusonism

Editor Forum: I am going on eighty-four years old, have been in Texas thirty-three. I am a democrat straight and am for the Ferguson's administration first, last and all the time. I heard James E. Ferguson make his first speech in Bowie. Then there were only four ladies to hear him. Three of us yet remain to speak his praises. I know there are more competent persons in Bowie than myself to write good letters to the Forum to let you know that she has a good big sprinkling of friends in Montague county. Dan Moody spoke in Bowie and I was glad to get her into Bowie was on her good behavior—no heckling, perfect order. In my opinion a big heckler got Dan in the trouble he is and will be in. Poor Dan is speaking under orders. It appeared he must have been confused as he never gave out his platform. I sometimes believe he is more to be pitied than censured for I think he is duped some way. I am glad Mrs. Ferguson has such a good advisor as James E. Ferguson. All right thinking people know that he is not going to get her into trouble when his views and advice are backed up by such noble men as McGregor and Joseph W. Bailey.

I have in a feeble way let you know Governor Ferguson we are all here yet standing steadfast and immovable. If you have lost one you have gained two in places that I know of. I read so many good letters from different parts of the country I thought I would scribble the Forum a few lines to let you see we are in a ring with you. Now here's hoping and trusting that Mrs. Ferguson may go over the top, if anything more than she did two years ago for she deserves it for she has heaved to the line.
A good friend,
ELIZA J. TERRAL,
Bowie, Texas.

Veteran of 85 Praises Fergusonism

Editor Forum: Well as I have been reading so many letters in the Forum I will write one. I am eighty-five years old and have been in politics since I was twenty-one years old, and I never saw or heard of a man running for governor without a platform. Dan is like a Georgia lizard, he is too fast. I can't vote for him. Lynch Davidson doesn't care for us poor devils. We don't want him at all. His interests are not our interests, ours are not his. A man is a fool that will vote against his own interests.
Now I never voted for Jim Ferguson in my life but I would have the second time but they challenged my vote and wouldn't let me. I keep up with Jim. While he was governor he made every promise good and did more for the laboring class of people than all the other governors put together, since Texas has been Texas. I ain't so prejudiced that I can't give a man or woman justice for the good they have done. Hurrah for the Ferguson bunch. They stand for our interests. Let's see they get these.
I have been over Hunt county and Ma will get 2 to 1; I have been in Collin county and she will get 2 to 1 there; I have been in Delta county, she will get 2 to 1 there; in Hopkins Ma will go to 1; in Rains county she will go 3 to 1; Hurrah for Ma Ferguson. I have been in these counties and know what I am talking about. We don't need Davidson nor Dan Moody nor his bunch for I'll bet every Klucker votes for Dan.
If you want a Ku Klux Governor vote for Dan. Ma is the one to vote for she has given us a clean administration, Ma didn't pardon the convicts until the board approved.
A. T. GAZAWAY,
Caddo Mills, Texas.

Ahilene Veteran Cheers for Ma

Editor Forum: I am writing you that I am for Ma first, last and all the time, but listen, "Dan is the man," but the Dan? "The Savior of all things and nothing at last," only to kill Fergusonism. Dan wouldn't know Fergusonism if he was to meet it in the road. Poor Daniel is a great man but at last is good for nothing. He says he is going to get all the Baptists. Maybe he will get all of the so-called Baptists, the convention outfit, wiggletails and tadpoles and the K. K. K. So these are about all Dan will get. Anyway we ought to be perfectly willing for Dan to have all of them.
Please excuse bad spelling and writing for I am getting very old indeed, now Eighty-one years of age I have always voted the Ferguson ticket and will as long as there is a Ferguson to vote for. Hurrah for Ma! She will be our next governor with brave Jim by her side, so wait for the wagon girls and we will all take a ride.
E. B. DEERE,
Ahilene, Texas.

Looks Good for Ma in Limestone

Editor Forum: If you will allow me a small space in your valuable paper, I will write a few lines to let you hear from Limestone county. I am for Ma first, last and all the time.
In reading Moody's speech I notice he says the commonwealth of Texas is in danger, but I disagree with him. I think we've had one of the best administrations Texas has known for twenty years.
"Honest Dan" continues to harp on Fergusonism, and he never takes time to explain to the people what

Fergusonism is. If lowering our taxes, appropriating more money to our rural schools and colleges of higher education, and forcing the Ku Klux Klan to take their masks and hoods off is Fergusonism, then I say, "Let's have more of it." I think Dan and his bunch of Kluckers are mad at Mrs. Ferguson because she has put a stop to their midnight whipping parties.
Things look mighty good here for Ma. About all the votes Dan will get will be the K. K. K. supporters and don't think Ma will need any of their votes anyway.
I will close and give space to some one who knows how to discuss politics. I hope you will use this letter. I say, pour it on 'em, Jim. I believe we are going to bet the Ku Klux bunch worse than we did in July, 1924.
With best wishes to Mrs. Ferguson and the Forum,
Quite a number are saying Ma will carry Limestone county by a majority of at least 500.
Your friend and supporter,
MRS. E. N. VANATTA,
Mexico, Texas, R. 4, Box 29.

Tells of Ku Klux Methods

Editor Forum: I thought I would drop you a few lines to tell you that I have been getting your bundle every week and I get right in my car first thing Sunday morning and go around and hand them out. Nearly everybody is eager to get one except a K. K. K. Once in while I come in contact with one of them suckers and they will throw the paper back at me and say, "I don't read anything that Jim Ferguson puts out," so I take it back and tell the sucker he ought to read it and learn some sense. Say, did you know that we are to have a new congress pretty soon? It is coming about this way: When a sucker joins the K. K. K.'s now he signs up to go to Congress if demanded to do so by the K. K. K.'s. So you can read between the lines. I can. That is pure d—d bolshevism, isn't it?
A poor sucker joined the K. K. K.'s the other night, then he got the next day and got after by brother-in-law to join and that is what he told him. So you see how that bunch off 100-percenters is doing. If you see fit to publish this you can do so and send on the bundle and I will see that they hit the spot.
I am for Ma and Pa and they are for Texas.
R. E. McDONALD,
Campbell, Texas.

Farmer's Widow Says Fergusons Are Friends of the Poor

Editor Forum: I want to say a few words in your behalf. I have been a poor farmer's wife and know the hardships of a farmer. Am a widow now, am living in the big city of Waxahachie. I can say that Jim is the poor man's friend. I have some nephews that are for Ma and Jim. Jim Ferguson has done more already for the poor people than any one else that has ever been there. I have voted twice for Jim and once for Ma and will vote again for her. I have brothers and sons that will vote for her. We want a poor man's friend there—that is what the world needs. If it had been in the big man's hands the poor little children wouldn't have had a chance at school for some of them had no conveyance to go to town to school and I do not know if there isn't something done things are going to the bad and I think Jim will fix it for us; the poor class of people are the ones that will elect him and they are the ones that need it. What does the moneyed man care? He has all he wants, only every cent the poor man will make for him.
Now to all you good people, the poor old farmer is the wheel of the world and he gets less out of it than anyone else I know of. The poor old farmers that are living in old shacks right now, making a crop and paying three and four hundred a year to get to live in them to make the wealthy landlord some money and just think of the poor farmer now working himself and all of the children and giving the third in some places. Now if there isn't something done to stop that in a few years the world will be giving it and everybody knows we can't make an honest living and do that. I want to tell the people what I know. He cut this ten and twelve hour law to eight. Now do you think there is a mother that can kick about that and say for this pardoning the prisoners out of the pen, if they will get those moneyed men and let them suffer like the poor boys then I think it will be right to treat them all alike because the man that has the money is no better than the poor man that is making it for him. I am for Ma always and for Jim as her better half and don't get under a sheet to say it, either.
With best wishes to Ma and Pa, I am your friend and am with you both. It has been said to me, "Oh, you need not write to the paper for it will be thrown in the waste basket. He won't print it." Please publish this for me and I will write again if you can't print it this way please draw it off and print it for me.
A friend to you both, hoping you will get the office again.
MRS. M. E. SHELTON,
303 W. Franklin St., Waxahachie.

Sizes Up The Race

Editor Forum: After reading the many good letters in your paper thought I would write you a few lines to let you know how the Governor's race is going according to my views. Judging from the talk of the people whom I know and also from the newspapers both large and small, the race is between Mrs. Ferguson and Dan Moody in this part of East Texas. The Klansmen and Klan-controlled papers are very strong for Moody and he will get few votes from others who voted for Butte in 1924. But as the Republicans will, or may hold primaries this year, I believe they will be loyal to

their party. Davidson will get some few votes from real Democrats and have quit them all be divided among all candidates. But according to my observation, Mrs. Ferguson will get almost all of the true American democrat votes in this section and of course her getting these and Moody the K. K. K. vote will put them leading with Mrs. Ferguson some ahead.
The Moody bunch say he does not sling mud, but if it is not mud it must be tar, but if it is tar it is so thin I don't think anybody will get smeared over with it, because all I have seen in the newspapers is called flaying, and assailing and there isn't a bit of difference in it and what is commonly known as mud-slinging, except that there is a bunch of the farm-ers helping him sling it. I believe there are enough good honest people in Texas yet to elect a Governor without having to stick one in there by the tar bunch that insinuates through his youthful ambition that he has all the honesty in the state. That's something more than flaying. There are planks of honesty people yet. Dan has got nothing like all of it. If I didn't think somebody else had as much honesty as Dan I would not go to the polls to vote and he would not want the office he seeks either even though he would have the chance to try to run every other department, as it seems he has wanted to do through the ambition he has. I am under the impression that the saying that self-praise is half scandal is as much so in Dan Moody's honesty as anything else. From past records and the endorsements of our state officers, I am glad to say that I see no reason for not giving our good woman governor her second term. So I am for Ma.
Hoping and praying and believing Mrs. Ferguson will be Governor another term.
A. J. MARTIN,
Box 276, Dayton, Texas.

Fergusons Have Kept Promises

Editor Forum: Hogg made his promises good, so have the Fergusons and when you have the good mothers of Texas from the hills and valleys and between the forks of the creeks after the votes are counted in July you and Ma will have the largest number of votes a candidate for Governor ever got. Truth will rise no matter who tries to crush it. The eternal years of God are ours.
You can print this squib in the Forum if you wish. I would like to have a lot of extra Forums to give where I think they will do the most good. I am as ever for the Fergusons, first, last and all the time.
A. D. RAPE,
Mineola, Tex., R. 2.

What Will Texas Mothers Do?

Editor Forum: I am only a farmer, but have been reading the papers a good deal the last few years. The Governor's race is getting warm. I am wondering if the good mothers of Texas are going to let a political scheme, the K. K. K. issue, cause them to lose the victory that they have fought for so long and won. I never did believe in woman suffrage, but after they have fought so hard and won the fight, I hate to see them lose. They have furnished the greatest Governor that Texas has ever had and they surely won't fail to give her the second term. If they do they will lose all they have won; they will be classed back as the weak sex, for when they win they won't stay with their gains.
The crowd that helped you gain woman suffrage now is again? If for it doesn't mean them. Women is too good. They cannot get them to punish some, and let others go free. I would that every good woman of Texas would go to the ballot box and vote for Ma, the greatest Governor that Texas ever had. Why not keep a Governor like that who can keep peace among our people?
R. B. TAYLOR,
Lubbock, Texas.

Fergusonism What Texas Needs

Editor Forum: After reading and studying both sides of the question we people over here in Coryell believe Fergusonism is what Texas needs. In fact, we know it. I believe the good people of Texas know how to put Moodyism out of our way. We all know Dan rode into the Attorney General's office on Jim Ferguson's coat tail, then the Robertson supporters got hold of him. They said that the Governor be didn't sting Dan. The Robertson's better known as the Ku Klux be, sting Dan. All intelligent people know just how come Dan out fighting Fergusonism. Dan is just like a young wasp. He was larger when he came out than he will ever be any more.
I notice where Mr. Kemp, the big millionaire is raising a howl because Ma Ferguson wouldn't call a special session. Good for you, Governor. Don't let such political schemes affect you. Daniel Moody and J. A. Kemp think the majority of the people are ignorant. No, the majority is wise and will vote wise on July 24. They don't want the Ku Klux be named in this campaign as they know they are by far in the minority. Every Ku Klux in our county is supporting Daniel Jiggs for Governor, and we have common sense enough to know this.
I believe the good women of Texas know that Ma Ferguson has made Texas the best Governor since Governor Hogg and we are sure they will support her for a second term. Hurrah for woman suffrage. I believe in it. I believe Texas has lots of women smarter than Dan Moody. Of course we expect Dan's wife to support him and we are sure others will follow up with Ma Ferguson. Some of the Ku Klux don't like it because Jim advises his good wife. We intelligent people believe he should help his wife. Hurrah for Jim. I don't believe we originated from a tadpole or a monkey. The majority of us believe like you do. The tad-

pole and monkey crowd will look small on July 24th. We Coryell people think you will win by 150,000 majority.

Poor Dan is like a drowning man. He is catching at every straw. He says he can eat Jim Ferguson up. We are sure if he did he would have more brains in his stomach than he ever had in his head. I want to ask the good people of Texas to lay all prejudices aside and vote for Ma on July 24 for a second term.
A question: How many Ku Klux parades have you seen in our towns since Ma Ferguson was elected Governor? How many river bottom courts have you heard of? Hurrah for Fergusonism. What more do we need? People act wise and let's give Ma Ferguson the largest majority a governor ever received in Texas.
J. P. KEETON,
Pearl, Texas, Coryell Co.

Looks Bright for Governor Ferguson

Editor Forum: I have always been accorded space in your most wonderful paper to give my views on the political situation, and I am glad at this time to say that things never looked brighter in this county for the success of Mrs. Ferguson for re-election. Everyone is talking about the constructive administration of the past two years, and all are of the opinion that one good term deserves another. It is going to be a great landslide all over this section of the state, and I feel that after the election Dan Moody will be a political has been and that all he can ever do is talk about the year that he ran for governor against Mrs. Ferguson, and when, in after years he reviews the situation as it exists now, I imagine this is the way he will tell it: I kissed 6,000 babies, helped 1,000 farmers chop cotton, shook hands with the entire state, smoked 8,000 cigarettes, helped brand 9,000 calves, charter member of the Holy Rollers, listened to 94 get together meetings of Lions, Kiwanis, and Rotarians, bought a sheet and pillow slip in every Ku Klux lodge in the state, and then Ma Ferguson poured it on me.
Again wishing for you the Best of luck, I am
MART HILL,
Gilmer, Texas.

Ma Gaining in Panhandle

Editor Forum: I have traveled over a large portion of the Panhandle and fall to find where Ma has lost a single vote but hear of a big gain everywhere. I am so glad to tell you I find that bunch of critics in their reports do Ma a great good. It put the good, God loving people to thinking in the right light and the pardoning of the poor unfortunates is being looked at in a different light and is fast coming a honor to Ma instead of a censure. It is God's teachings. Your pardoning has not only made happy homes, fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, wives, and hundreds of poor little children, but it has brought God's teachings in the hearts of every real Christian.
I want to urge the Christian people to think deeply down in their hearts and find forgiveness for the poor soldier boys in prison. These boys we should forgive and give them another chance. We must remember that we give them guns and told them go kill, to fight for our liberty and they went. Young as they were they waded in blood and we put them there. We taught them, we trained them. They came home and may have done wrong and needed a light spanking, and one or two years in prison was enough spanking for any of them. Can it only be right to pardon these poor boys and let them come back home. I feel it my duty and ask who will join me in asking Mother to pardon the poor soldier boys in prison.
JOHN WOOLDRIDGE,
Box 555, Childress, Texas.

Glories in Woman Governor

Editor Forum: The writer has read much right lately about the famous road bonds that the supreme court have declared no good. I want to say right here if any one has any of these bonds and thinks they are no good, I know a fellow that would be glad to have about a bed tick full for birthday present. Several years ago I knew a man to buy a farm, work hard for several years and pay for it. Then a fellow came along and claimed his farm and the courts gave it to the fellow that came along, said the other man's title was no good. The man who bought the farm thought he had a good lawyer to draw up the deed and pass on the title. The people who bought these bonds also thought they were good because a man called an attorney general was supposed to look after their interest. I certainly can't it passing the buck to whoop a man up for governor that was supposed to keep down these mistakes and abuse Mrs. Ferguson for not calling a special session. Any way, where is the capital of the state, at Austin or Wichita Falls. There is a woman in Texas who seems mighty hard to drive and lots of us old muttonheads glory in her spunk.
J. E. FITZGERALD,
Stephenville, Texas.

Rid Texas of Moodyism

Editor Forum: I want to see Moody beaten. Being raised in Texas I have voted the Democratic ticket for thirty years. I was personally acquainted with Governor Hogg. He was a good governor in his day but those good dead governors are a thing of the past. What the people of Texas want is a real live governor and we have that now. Ferguson has done more for the poor class of people than any governor that Texas has ever had.
I will be glad to see the primary come, for I want to see "Honest Dan" buried so deep in his political dirt that the Grand Gizzard will have to have a long distance to reach him.
I noticed in the paper where Texas was going to lose a good man if Ferguson was elected. Well I do hope that we can send this gentle-

man out of Texas, and I think that he can make his arrangements July 25.

I notice the Legion head says Moody's war record is clear, I am glad to hear that, but what the people of Texas want to know is where he fought and in what division. This information will clear his war record up wonderfully. I was talking to one of Dan's friends the other day, a traveling man, he said that he didn't really think that Dan was a Ku Klux, but he said that there was something strange about it somewhere for the Ku Klux were lined up for him everywhere.

Moody says his promise is well received by the people of Texas and Canyon, probably so, but the people of Texas must remember that promises are like pie-crust made to be broken. This bird must have been converted for he has meddled with everything from the Justice of Peace on up to Governor since he was elected Attorney General.
If the people of Texas had not wanted Ferguson in control of their affairs they would not have elected Ma Ferguson for Governor. We notice that Moody says that Ferguson reminded him of a child crying for a slice of pie, well that's all right, Dan, we are going to give Ferguson another slice of pie and while he is eating it, you be careful and don't get over into France. I think the Democratic Executive committee did a wise thing by not endorsing Moody's conduct as Attorney General. They did not have anything to indorse but a bunch of "Bull" and "Hot-air."

I notice what Moody says while ridiculing Ferguson for asking for a second term for his wife, which was; that any governor who had been a good one need not resort to sentimental plea for a second term, for Moody says that if the first administration had been a success he would be rightfully entitled to a second, and this is just why Ma Ferguson should have a second term, for she has made the best governor that Texas has ever had. There is not a ten year old boy in Texas but what knows that conditions are better than they have ever been before and Ma Ferguson is the one to have the credit for it.
I notice where Dan Moody says: that we can either repudiate the graft and corruption of Fergusonism, or commend the efforts that he has made as our servant to save our money and our government. Now don't worry about this government, where were you during the World War when you were shooting our boys down like jack-rabbits? We saved our government then without your help, and I think that we can still pull through.

We notice that Jim runs into a bunch of Kluckers and they make it rough for Jim, but that's alright they haven't forgotten about Ma tearing down their play-house. For you know when Ma pulled that muffler off these "Bullies" that stopped quite a lot of sport. Just treat these conditions like the fellow that got kicked by the jack-ass. Just consider the source, and pour it on 'em while it's hot. Boys if you aren't in this band-wagon now is the time to get on.
I will close with best wishes to Ma, and a her supporters, and go after them Jim, and cover all the territory you can.
Yours truly,
W. H. HOUSTON,
Paint Rock, Texas.

Cameron County for Ferguson

Editor Forum: Just a word from Cameron county, we have a few hecklers and a few followers of Simmons and Clark who are all Moody men but not many of them have a poll tax receipt so all that class of men can do is heckle. When the real battle comes on Saturday, July 24 the real man with a tax receipt will settle the battle. This county will go in the Ferguson county this time. The hecklers have made you votes here. Come on Mr. Moody, open up and tell us if you approve the search and seizure law, don't be a coward, the klux will vote for you anyway.
I am going to vote for Mrs. Ferguson, because she has made us a good governor, and some very poor men governors have been given second terms and I would never want that I voted against a Christian woman that had made good. I have often wondered how this man Moody who claims to be a Christian can ask the voters of Texas to defeat this good governor for a second term.
W. F. JONES,
Harlingen, Texas.

Editor Questions Dan

Hon. Dan Moody,
Attorney General of Texas,
Austin, Texas.
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for attorney general in 1924, I am going to ask you a question or two, in return; and will condition my reply, as to who the Times will support for governor, on your answers to the following queries:

How do you stand on the "Search and Seizure Law?"
How do you stand on the "Anti-Mask Law?"

Why are cars in Austin carrying windshield stickers, printed in red ink, with "Dan's the Man, Says the Klan," on them? Are you for the Klan?

Upon receiving your reply to the above questions will write you at once where the Times stands in the governor's race.

Yours very truly,
J. A. Anderson,
Editor and Owner,
Brookshire Times,
Brookshire, Texas.
P. S.: A copy of this letter is being furnished the Ferguson Forum to use as it sees fit.
A.B.A.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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For State Superintendent of Public Instruction:
J. A. HUMPHRIES, Hockley Co.

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For County Clerk:
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A. L. (ROY) MONTEITH

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