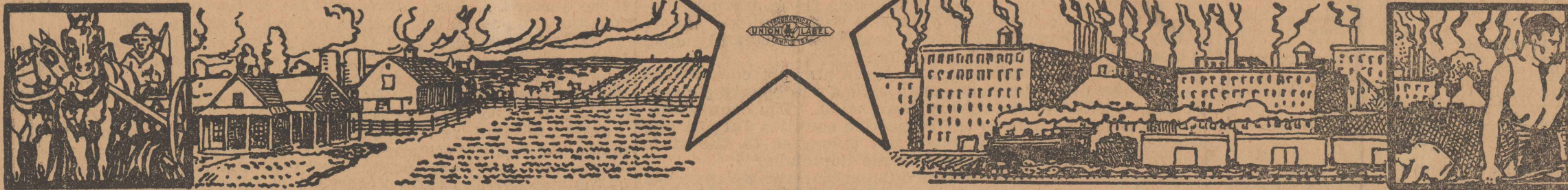


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W. W. Fitzwater, Farm Labor Union Head Gives Reasons For Giving Support to Ma

Editor Forum:
I have been asked why I was supporting Ma Ferguson for Governor. I have always been frank with my friends, and this request for my views is a reasonable request to which I gladly reply. Although I am the national president of the Farm-Labor Union, I am not speaking in any official capacity, but only as a private citizen.

My life has been given to the study of the problems of the farmer, and I think I am justified in saying that I know something of the needs of the farmer. If our farming masses are to obtain all that they are entitled to under the laws of God and man, then they must study their economic and material needs, and at the same time give close attention to the trend of political thought in the minds of the public generally. While everybody ought to take interest in politics, there never was a time when it was more necessary for the farmer to see who is elected to office and be concerned about what the candidates stand for than at this very moment. With these ideas in view, I am supporting Ma Ferguson for Governor because I believe she is more in sympathy with the farming and laboring masses of our state than any other candidate. She was reared on a farm, she married a farmer and she is a farmer now. All she has in the world in a material way is wrapped up in farming operations. That being the case, it is perfectly natural that her sympathies go out to the idea of better country schools and free textbooks for poor children and for the cause of rural education generally.

I have nothing personal against Mr. Moody. His close friends and neighbors say he is a good man, but he was reared in a city and educated as a lawyer and naturally I just don't see how he could know much about us farmers and the many problems and difficulties with which we are confronted. The study of the needs of the farming population of Texas is the work of a lifetime and if Mr. Moody were elected he would be so busy trying to put everybody in the penitentiary as he says he is going to do that I am afraid he would not have time to give even a thought to the needs of the country people before his first term of office would be out. Then, as he is running against Ma for a second term, he would set the precedent that would let somebody beat him for a second term, and we farmers would get nothing out of the great sacrifice he has made in running for Governor.

Lynch Davidson is also a good man, but "he ain't no farmer" and never will be. All the crop he has ever grown was a crop of lumber, and it took him forty years to do it. He has done gathered his crop and got the money for it, amounting to over a million dollars, they say. I think he sold most of his crop to the government during the war and if he did he got a heap bigger price than we farmers are now getting for cotton, corn and oats. Mr. Davidson wants his cut-over pine lands exempted from taxation for forty years, or until such time as his pine trees can grow again. If this were done, then we boys that are raising cotton, corn and oats would have to pay the taxes every year out of our crops that is now paid by Mr. Davidson on his lands. This may be all right, but I can't see where a man advocating such an idea could ever expect to get any farmer votes. To sum up, we farmers have had all the lawyer governors we want and we don't know anything about the lumber kings, and therefore we want Ma Ferguson, a farmer, to help us hoe our row through this vale of tears.

W. W. FITZWATER.

Bonham, Tex.

FERGUSON SPEAKING DATES

By James E. Ferguson

- BallingerThursday, July 15, 3 P. M.
- San AngeloFriday, July 16, 3 P. M.
- StephenvilleSaturday, July 17, 3 P. M.
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- DallasWednesday, July 21, 8 P. M.
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- AustinFriday, July 23, 8 P. M.

By Senator T. H. McGregor

- HoustonThursday, July 15, 8 P. M.
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- BellvilleWednesday, July 21, 2 P. M.

By Senator Joseph W. Bailey

- HallettsvilleThursday, July 15, 3 P. M.
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- CelinaSaturday, July 17, 3 P. M.

By T. N. Jones of Tyler

- CrandallSaturday, July 17, 3 P. M.
- KaufmanSaturday, July 17, 8 P. M.

By Ted Monroe

- CampbellFriday, July 16, 2 P. M.
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By J. F. Cunningham

- RobyFriday, July 16, 8 P. M.

By Maury Hughes

- PalestineThursday, July 15, 8 P. M.

By J. K. Brim

- DaingerfieldFriday, July 16, 8 P. M.
- Mt. PleasantSaturday, July 17, 3 P. M.

By B. Y. Cummings

- TempleSaturday, July 17, 8 P. M.

THE SIXTH WEEK OUT!

Boys, we are going good. Read my statement in these columns and you will find the evidence of a certain and sure victory. I have had the most enthusiastic reception this last week that I have ever had since I have been engaged in public discussion.

I left Austin on Sunday and went to Giddings and early Monday morning my two pistol pocket friends in Lee county, Henry Woodie and E. Semang, introduced me to two or three hundred people in Giddings, and then we got in Henry's new car and rode over to LaGrange some thirty-five miles and from there I went out to the Hostyn picnic grounds in six miles of La Grange. Talking about people turning out to a local affair. This meeting just capped anything I ever saw. The morning exercises were devoted to religious ceremonies by the Bohemian people and the afternoon was turned over to me for a patriotic address. I discussed the attitude of the farming people to all great questions and called attention to the fact that the farming element of our people had always settled every political question in the history of the nation. There were more than 15,000 people present, 95% of whom were farmers. More than one thousand women shook hands with me and sent their best regards to the governor. The majority in Lee and Fayette counties will be even more than I estimate. My friend, Theodore Low, and Mr. Amman, from Brenham came over to Hostyn and took me to Washington county. On the way over I stopped at Burton where a Fourth of July celebration was in progress, and I shook hands with several hundred friends.

At Brenham on Tuesday I had a crowd of fully 7,000 people and was introduced by Theodore Low, who comes from one of the best families in old historic Washington county. I had the honor of having Judge Jas. R. Hamilton and Congressman Buchanan, candidates for congress, in my audience at Brenham and there is a great interest in this race in that district. Washington county gave the governor 3,446 majority over Robertson and in fact Robertson only received 402 votes in the county. The thing will be repeated but of course it could not be much more.

From Brenham I went to Houston and spent the night and while there I conferred with our campaign manager, Frank McCurdy, and went over the situation with him fully. Of course I am not going to say that the governor is going to carry Harris county in view of this being Lynch Davidson's home county. In all probability Lynch will lead in this county and the governor will be a fair second. At least that is the estimate of Mr. McCurdy. I think the governor will get at least 12,000 votes in this county in the first primary and the combined opposition will get about 17,000.

I went then on Wednesday to Livingston in Polk county for my date there. This was the first time I had ever spoken in Polk county. There was a large delegation there from Liberty county headed by Capt. J. P. Ross of Cleveland. Mr. Brogdon brought many friends from San Jacinto county and my friend D. M. Love was also there from Cold Springs. Ben Hooks brought a big crowd from Hardin county and there were many people from Jasper and Newton counties. There was also a large delegation from Walker county. There were fully six thousand people that heard the speech and I was introduced by my good friend Cade Bethea. When he told the crowd that he was introducing the husband of the next governor they went wild and the applause was the most enthusiastic I have ever heard from a country audience. It is quite evident to every person who has investigated that the people in the country in this election are stronger for the governor than they have ever been for any candidate in the history of Texas politics. Even the honored Jim Hogg never had the support in the country that Governor Ferguson has. One of the many reasons is that in Hogg's time the women did not have the ballot and there was no occasion for them to take any interest in politics to any great extent.

In this campaign the first woman governor has aroused a warm spot in the hearts of the women who live in the country. The fact that Governor Ferguson is being so bitterly assailed by the so-called high tone city women after all their years of clamoring for equal suffrage for women has awakened a deep resentment in the minds of the women of the country against this city idea of denying to a woman the same second term that has been given to men. And when you stop to think about it the criticism that these high brow city women have undertaken to hurl at this administration against another woman it is one of the most inhuman movements that was ever sponsored by any political faction in any state or nation. Mark what I tell you. From this time on the prestige of this high brow silk stocking women brigade will begin to wane and their inhuman treatment of Governor Ferguson whom they should have supported will keep them from exercising the influence in elections that they might have hereafter enjoyed if they had been but even fair to one of their sex. No high brow self important club woman who has heretofore posed as the savior of the republic ought ever to be allowed the ballot hereafter when she goes and votes to turn this state over to such an inexperienced and unworthy man as Dan Mody. Polk county will go for the governor by more than five hundred majority.

From Livingston I went to Lufkin and spent the night. The next day

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Moody Silenced by Storm At Abilene in Retaliation For Heckling of Ferguson

Moody undertook to make a speech in Abilene last week but the Storm King silenced him. The terrific storm which put an end to Moody's attempt to speak just as he reached the point where he announced his purpose to destroy Fergusonism was taken by many as a rebuke by Providence of the cowardly manner in which hecklers some days previously had attempted to stop Jim Ferguson's speech. The Forum has received from one who was present on the occasion of Moody's attempt to speak a graphic and thrilling description of the scenes and incidents of the occasion.

"In return for the way Jim Ferguson was treated at Abilene," says the Forum correspondent, "the Great God of Heaven took the matter in hand and repaid those devilish hoodlums who tried to break up Jim Ferguson's meeting. It rained in the afternoon and was a bad night but Mr. Moody came and attempted to speak under the monster tabernacle which they refused to let Jim Ferguson have when he was here. Mr. Moody had spoken about thirty minutes and had just reached that point where as he said he would reiterate all the charges he had ever made against Jim Ferguson and prove it by the records when suddenly there burst forth the most violent electrical rain, wind and thunder storm I ever saw."

"The rain came down in torrents for an hour. The lightning flashed incessantly and the peals of cannon-like thunder simply seemed to say to those in the tabernacle that the God of Heaven was in their midst not only to close the mouth of that character assassin but to repay the impudent horde who three weeks before tried in every conceivable way to break up the Ferguson speaking on the lawn."

"I simply never saw anything like it. The rain came down in torrents for an hour or more while the wind swept it into foggy sheets that literally deluged the crowd. Pouring in through the roof and sweeping through from the sides it simply looked at times as if there was no tabernacle there, and to add to the confusion and seemingly to demonstrate the power of an angry God, the vivid lightning flashed incessantly. The electric lights went out and the clapping peals of thunder simply reminded that crowd that it was time to beat the brush, which they did at the earliest possible moment. You can tell the world that the Dan Moody meeting at Abilene was a flash and it did not take the Ferguson crowd to break it up either. The Great God of Heaven did the job in first class shape and seemingly for no other purpose than to repay those hoodlums who without cause tried to break up the Ferguson speaking three weeks ago."

MARKING THE TICKET

Voters are warned that in order to have their ballots counted they must scratch the names of all candidates on the ticket except that of the candidate for whom they wish to vote. Ferguson voters must scratch the names of Dan Moody, Lynch Davidson, Edith Wilmans, O. F. Zimmerman and Kate Miller Johnston in order for their ballot for Miriam A. Ferguson for governor to be counted. Leave only the name of the candidate you are voting for unscratched. Here is a sample of the way in which to mark your ballot for some of the candidates:

For Governor:

- MIRIAM A. FERGUSON
- ~~O. F. ZIMMERMAN~~
- ~~EDITH E. WILMANS~~
- ~~KATE MILLER JOHNSTON~~
- ~~LYNCH DAVIDSON~~
- ~~DAN MOODY~~

For State Treasurer:

- ~~GROVER CLEVELAND HARRIS~~
- ~~W. GREGORY HATCHER~~
- ~~LON CARNER~~
- ~~G. E. JOHNSON~~
- ~~ED A. CHRISTIAN~~
- ~~J. R. BALL~~
- ~~GEORGE C. GARRETT~~

For State Supt. Public Instruction:

- J. A. HUMPHRIES
- ~~W. W. BENNETT~~
- ~~S. M. N. MADDS~~

The names of the candidates do not appear in the same order as above on all tickets as the order of the names is fixed by drawing by the executive committees of the respective counties, but the above shows how to scratch the ticket to vote for the candidates shown.

Smith County Town Straw Vote Shows Ma 57 Out of 64

Swan, Tex., July 14.—Before a representative crowd of 64 qualified voters of this place, a straw vote was taken here to give "kick" to the present gubernatorial campaign, each of the three leading candidates as follows: Mrs. Ferguson, 56, Lynch Davidson 7, and Attorney General Moody 1. The voting strength of this box is approximately 300. Governor Ferguson led the field of aspirants in 1924, with Davidson a far second. However, the present attorney general led the ticket here out of approximately 275, having only four votes cast against him.

E. B. Bridges Takes Third Prize in Old Fiddlers Contest

E. B. Bridges, of Bartlett, candidate for tax assessor of Bell county, is something of a fiddler and he won third prize in the state wide old fiddlers' contest held at Cameron Saturday night, July 3. Bridges played three old time tunes on his fiddle and won the hearts of his hearers as well as the third prize.

Noted Lawyer Drops Dead.
Denver, Colo., July 14.—Sheldon H. Tolles, 70, prominent Cleveland, Ohio, lawyer, dropped dead here today. He was attending the American Bar Association convention as a delegate.

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Election Supervisors!

Our friends in every voting box in the state are urged to see to the appointment of election supervisors in the interest of Governor Ferguson, wherever they may be deemed necessary. The law prescribes the method of appointment of these supervisors and the proper authorities MUST appoint them when application is made in regular form.

Be on guard at every box and see that qualified voters are permitted to vote. Take no chances. Watch the polls.

This fight is won and our friends are urged to see that our full vote is polled in order to make the majority as impressive as possible.

TO FERGUSON SPEAKERS

Elsewhere there is published in this issue a list of Ferguson speakers. There are many in addition to those whose names are given who are making speeches for Gov. Ferguson, who are making their own appointments. All speakers are requested to advise Guy Holcomb, Driskill Hotel, Austin, State Campaign Manager for Governor Ferguson of their dates and appointments in order that notices may be sent out into their territory and co-operation given them by the state headquarters.

COLQUITT'S DENUNCIATION OF BOLTERS

Colquitt in a speech made at Farmersville, October 29th, 1924 (see Houston Chronicle of October 30th, 1924) said in part:

"Klan politicians having made their fight to control the democratic nominations and the state government through them, and lost, they turned to republicans for consolation and help, and the republicans at the suggestion of the so-called Democratic Good Government Club selected Professor Butte as their candidate. They hoped to align the school teachers, the college professors, the disgruntled democrats, and the Klan party, in one amalgamated effort to get control of the state. But the handwriting is already written on the wall for the people are weighing the combination, and will find them wanting in all the elements of fitness and moral responsibility."

"The so-called democratic Good Government Club, and the bolting politicians of the Klan, went into the democratic primaries and voted for their choice of candidates, and now, that they could not dictate results, are appealing to the spirit of bad faith to sustain their waning political fortunes."

How can Colquitt now consort with the same Klan political traitors and assist them to gain control of the state administration and the party machinery?

Is he credulous enough to believe that they will elect a state administration which they cannot control?

If the Ku Klux nominate a candidate for governor of this state they will control its party machinery and patronage, and no anti-Ku Klux democrat can be elected or appointed to public office.

CORRECTING DR. CRANFILL

Dr. J. B. Cranfill, of Dallas, who wrote a biography of Dan Moody, has been called to task because in his zeal and enthusiasm he strayed from the straight and narrow path of historical fact. A. R. Mason, of Taylor, in a communication to the Dallas News corrects some of Dr. Cranfill's erroneous biographical article, Mr. Mason writes:

"In last Sunday's News he says that Dan Moody was 'reared an orphan, the dependence of a widowed mother.' Now, everybody in Taylor knows that Dan Moody's father did not die until 1911, when Dan was over 18 years old, and that Dan's father was living when he entered the University, as shown by Dan's own registration card; and that Dan's mother was always self-supporting through her property and insurance business."

Dr. Cranfill should join his compatriot and fellow citizen, Tom Love, in demanding "historical accuracy." But Tom never has corrected his statement that Ferguson went into the 1920 primaries and then organized the American party. That was an example of Tom's inaccuracy, if not worse, in writing history.

MOODYISM IS DOOMED

It looks like the Moody supporters know Moodyism is doomed, in other words Dan is slipping. Many of the Klansmen, who have been backing Dan because they thought he was the man to defeat Fergusonism have become convinced Dan can't win.

The latest effort put forth by Dan's friends is to get signatures to call a mass meeting of Moodyites to demand a special session of the legislature to validate district road bonds. This same bunch of Ferguson haters have been crazy for a special session of the legislature six months or more before the bond question was sprung. They care nothing about the bonds, their real purpose is to try to defeat Fergusonism.

Ferguson's friends should be careful, don't sign any petition for that purpose. The regular session will take care of the bonds, they won't sour or curdle, the people will at the right time, in the right way, validate them regardless of who is governor. Use this propaganda and we will succeed: Talk Fergusonism, write it and vote for it.

If Mrs. Ferguson is elected the anti-mask law, search and seizure law and penitentiary will be retained as they are today.

Lockhart, Texas. LEA BEATY.

Remember that a Baptist preacher is the grand dragon of the imperial realm of Texas klanism. Nuf said. The Klan is in politics.

The Klan is pursuing its old time lying political system, in the recesses of their klaverns these followers of wizards, goblins, dragons, titans and other fantastic things, have hatched out a political ticket which is being distributed down the Klan line to be voted by Klansmen in the July 24 primary. Yes; the Klan is in politics, but is due to be put out in a few days by the true democrats who do not have to hide their faces to express their choice of men and women to fill their offices.

REMEMBER YOUR PRECINCT CONVENTIONS

Under the election laws the voters are required to hold precinct conventions on the date of the first primary for the purpose of electing delegates and alternates to the county conventions. In the county voting precincts these precinct conventions are to be held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and in the city voting boxes they are to be held immediately upon the closing of the polls in the evening.

Chairmen are to be elected at these precinct conventions by whom the delegates selected to attend the county convention are certified to the county convention. The county conventions are to be held in the respective counties July 31 and these county conventions select the delegates to the state convention to be held in San Antonio September 7.

These precinct conventions are important and we urge our friends in every precinct to be watchful and to be on hand to participate in these conventions and have a voice in the selection of their delegates who will represent their precinct in the county convention.

We hope every Ferguson voter in every precinct will attend the precinct convention and see that real democrats are sent to the county conventions.

Remember your precinct convention and be on hand when it is held.

BALKED WHEN THE WIZARD WROTE TO HIM

The Record Courier, of Johnson City and Blanco, in the columns of which for a time appeared articles denouncing the Fergusons and the Highway Commission, under an arrangement, as the publisher, R. T. Gliddon, explains whereby these articles were furnished by a writer who later undertook the publication of a paper in his own name, promises some interesting revelations as to that period of his newspaper career. The Record Courier publisher in last week's issue tells of how the arrangement was made for the publication of these articles against the Fergusons and the highway board and how, for a time subscriptions rolled in and there were signs of prosperity. In this connection he says:

"We felt greatly encouraged, until one day a letter came through the mail from the Imperial Wizard or Gizzard of the Ku Klux Klan at San Antonio, lauding us for our 'brave and noble political stand.' Right here we began to fully realize what we had 'started.' Our political conscience began to rebel. We saw visions of a fiery cross adorning the front door of our little editorial sanctum and the more we thought of the future, and our new wardrobe of bed sheets and pillow slips, the greater became our desire to take to the brush and hunt jack rabbits, until the political storm was over, and a new candidate born in Texas for Governor. Gosh! but it was a nasty mess."

"We do not wish to insinuate, and would refute the statement, that Mr. Dan Moody is in any way connected with the Ku Klux Klan but unfortunately it is our opinion that he has been unwittingly adopted as the Klan candidate, with which to defeat the Fergusons."

WILL HOGG

(From Mineola Monitor)

Several days ago the daily press announced that Will Hogg would come to East Texas to interview the friends of his father in the interest of Dan Moody—

He came—
He saw the friends of his father, and—
Like the Arab, he silently stole away.

When the good women of Wood county, members of Wood County Federated clubs, sought to honor the memory of Jim Hogg by converting the Old Settlers Picnic grounds into the "Hogg Memorial Park" Will Hogg was asked to place an arch or gate at the entrance to the park. He was advised that the women of the county would beautify the park by planting trees, shrubs, flowers, laying walks and would look after its upkeep. All Mr. Hogg was asked to do was donate the arch for the entrance to the park. His secretary replied that Mr. Hogg was "not interested in the proposal."

Perhaps the pride of this mighty man of millions (and special interests) revolted at the thought of preserving the humble house his father was pleased to call "home," at the time the people of Wood county honored him with his first political office. No Will was not interested then, but—

Now the thought comes to him that he might use the name of his father to conjure votes for his favorite candidate—that he might tell the friends of his father how to vote—for whom to vote.

Will found that the friends of his father were not in a receptive mood—they were simply "not interested in his proposal."

OLD INDIAN FIGHTER FOR MRS. FERGUSON

Dan W. Roberts, eighty-three years old is an Indian fighter in early days of Texas. He with other pioneer settlers fought Indians in Blanco county and fought them three times in Menard county. In one fight six Indians were killed in Menard county.

He engaged in another fight in Reagan county. For many years he lived on the frontier and suffered hardships and privation to protect settlers from Indians and outlaws and now in his old days feels that he has been rewarded in knowing that west Texas is enjoying peace and prosperity.

He is too old and feeble to roam over the mountains and plains but delights to talk for Mrs. Ferguson and believes she will be elected and ought to be because she has made as good Governor as Texas ever had and better than many others. He says he cannot understand how any real man who respects a woman can act so ungentlemanly as to oppose her for another term. Mr. Roberts hopes to live until July 24th so he can assist in electing Mrs. Ferguson.

DAN W. ROBERTS,

Austin, Texas.

Farmer's Alliance Leader of Former Days Brands as Inconsistent Dan's Aides

Editor Forum: I am at a loss to understand how some men whom I believed to be honest, who made a fight for Mrs. Ferguson in last election because they were opposed to the Klan and Fergusonism looked good to them then as the only man who had the courage to make the fight fearlessly to that end and now some of these men are bitterly opposing Mrs. Ferguson and absolutely supporting Dan Moody, who every informed voter knows is being supported by all Klan sympathizers.

Dan Moody, to my mind, is a defaulter in public duty, the greatest I have ever known. He has not given the people the service due them. He has given his time to building up his race for governor. It is surprising the gall he has, when he speaks of honest government. I do not believe he has given the people an honest administration of the office he was entrusted with as he is never there, giving all his time in electioneering and drawing his salary. It seems to me if an attorney general can spend three months in canvassing Texas for an office and five months given to investigations by a grand jury, that it is an office that does not need to be filled at all.

Again I believe that all his road suits were detrimental to

the state and all done through malice and hoping to delude sufficient voters to get him elected governor. He passed on the bonds and said they were good and now boldly charges that the Fergusons were the cause. What is his legal knowledge worth? He has demonstrated that he is not sufficiently informed to make a good justice of the peace. It is certainly a very unworthy man who will ask a people to elect him on the merits of some other man and he, Moody, manufacture those merits. I am convinced that Moody in his road suits cost the tax payers two dollars for one he saved them.

Now, Mr. Voter, look and learn who is backing up this little egotistical fellow. Why are they spending all this money for him? I will tell you why, as I see it. He will be under obligations to the Klan and all corporate power, including the city daily papers.

Bear in mind, ye rural people, this is done to remove from office the best governor Texas has ever had. I do not except Jim Hogg, and I see his boys have departed from the faith of their father and turned the back of their hand to the common people. Why is this? Because we have a governor that they cannot use. She could not be intimidated by the Satterwhites, Loves, Irwins and the severely whipped would-be political bosses. I cannot understand why sensible women would join the ranks of the enemies of good government by casting votes against one of their sex that has made such a great success of her administration in the face of the fact that every sore-head politician and the Klan, that is, its leaders, have done everything in their power to make her administration a failure, and assisted by the so-called attorney general. The Fergusons were all right for him in his last race. If he proved a traitor to them, tell me will he not prove a traitor to you as governor?

I can not at all believe that the rural people or the laboring people will allow such a great injustice done to the Fergusons as the defeat of Mrs. Ferguson. The Fergusons have been true to you. Stand to your guns, stay by those you know are your friends. You will not always have them. Davidson and Moody want to rid Texas of Fergusonism. If J. E. Ferguson's service as governor and Mrs. Ferguson's two years is what Fergusonism means we want more of it. What we need and must do is to rid Texas of Dan Moody or Davidson, either if all they have to offer is to kill Fergusonism.

I am 77 years old. Many people know me in nearly all counties, that is Alliance people. Let me appeal to you to be careful what you do. Let us roll up a rural vote that will elect a worthy woman in the first primary. Cities do not elect governors in Texas. We do not expect to receive a majority vote in cities. Go to the polls and show them under again. There is more reason now than before. The Fergusons are entitled to it from many standpoints. First it has been the rule to give all governors the second term. They have done all they promised and more. It is her right and it is due her as a token by the people of their regard for her great achievements. They say Jim is governor. Well, honestly, do you not realize that the state is very fortunate to have two governors, two bright and loyal minds working for the state's best interests? Do you not realize that each is more vitally interested in giving the best administration possible? Does either Moody or Davidson attempt or prove that the official statements are false? They say they are not fighting our governor, but that is not truth. They are cowardly fighting her over the shoulders of her husband. Do you not realize that all the slanders heaped on J. E. Ferguson are falsehoods? The best proof of it is the fact that they would put him in the pen if they could prove anything on earth to be the truth, and there would be great rejoicing among them over the fact.

I hate all liars and slanderers and the greatest thief that lives is the character thief. No just man or woman will condemn our governor because of her Christian and merciful pardon records granted to the unfortunate and friendless poor people of the pen. You know or should know law is an unjust distribution of justice. Show me the woman who will cast a vote against one who has done so well under such damnable effort against her worthy acts. I will believe that Texas will disgrace its good name rebuking our good governor.

S. D. A. DUNCAN,

803 S. Third St., Waco, Texas.

Ferguson Club Organized At Coryell City Praises Record of Woman Governor

Editor Forum:

We whose names are subscribed hereto mutually join ourselves in the task of promoting in this community the interests of Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson in her campaign for a second term as Governor of Texas.

We are prompted in this action by the fact that her enemies are unjustly assailing her record and running a campaign of hate against what they term "Fergusonism."

We understand Fergusonism to mean lower taxes; this is evident by the fact that the appropriations under the first term of Mrs. Ferguson was ten million dollars less than her predecessor. We understand Fergusonism to mean taking the helpless insane out of the county jails of Texas and placing them in comfortable quarters provided by long needed additions to our State asylums; we understand Fergusonism to mean a self-sustaining penitentiary system rather than its support by digging into the pockets of the people for taxes to support it. We understand Fergusonism to mean education for the masses. This is evidenced by the many modern school buildings built with the aid of Ferguson. We believe in Fergusonism because it has meant more toward the education of the little children who drag the cotton sack and wield the hoe in the cotton fields of this empire state than has all the Kluxism, Colquittism and Moodyism combined.

If Mrs. Ferguson has been dishonest in any official act of hers we call upon those who have had at their command three different Grand Juries in session over a period of five long months that have looked into her every act to name the time and the place of any dishonest act. We do not indorse the slander of a good name by insinuation and suspicion of morbid minds.

We believe in Mrs. Ferguson because her heart has not been closed to the cries of ten thousand helpless women and children who have had some erring husband and father taken from them and confined in the prisons of this state for some misdeed for which they have been sufficiently punished and for which they have fully atoned. We call upon her accusers to name the pardons she has wrongfully issued. She has reunited more homes, made happy more prattling babes, brought consolation and comfort to more gray haired fathers and mothers, spread more of the religion of love and less of the doctrine of hate than any governor before her, not excepting her husband. If there is corruption in her acts as Governor we want the facts.

There is one who should be able to give them. "Dan's the man."

J. W. Cawfield, J. W. Wallace, J. N. Holland, P. K. Dunne, Ed C. Clark, T. J. Crow, J. S. Torbett, H. R. Irvindall, W. H. Bray, A. Swindall, Dr. Ralph Bailey, T. R. Christ, H. W. Christ, F. Breth, M. C. Copeland, Herbert Hennig, H. C. Haferkamp, Frank Wendeborn, August Mueller, E. O. Hennig, U. D. Maxwell, A. D. Byrd, Clovy Reed, Mrs. Reed, George A. Crawford, Mrs. M. C. Copeland, Mrs. Della Crawford, Bill Gohke, Mrs. Sada Gohke, Louis Weber, S. F. Johnson, A. L. Rabbe, Henry Schrader, Otto Richter, Carl Joiner, Albert Richter, Ed Jacobs, T. H. Trout, R. Trout, Willie Struempler, Bill Crawford, Henry Struempler, Mrs. Ella Struempler, D. H. Long, Newt Crawford, M. Ruetro, H. W. Rabbe, H. Rabbe, E. C. Rohloff, Frank Gilmore, R. H. Wendborn, Otto Wehmeyer, Ed Faulkenberg, C. Eichou.

In county voting boxes precinct conventions will be held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of July 24 and in city boxes they will be held when the polls are closed. Don't miss these conventions.

Dallas Klan Ticket Places Dan Moody's Name at Its Head

According to the Dallas Dispatch a large number of Dallas voters Monday received through the mails, enclosed in plain envelopes, a sample ballot carrying the names of several candidates who are denominated as a "100 Per Cent Ticket." The Ku Klux Klan is said to be sponsor for this ticket and this is just another evidence that the Klan still is in politics and very actively in politics. Here is the sample ballot which has been distributed over Dallas:

ATTENTION—MEN:
Dallas County.

- For Governor: DAN MOODY.
 - For Attorney General: T. K. IRWIN.
 - For State Treasurer: GEORGE C. GARRETT.
 - For State Supt. of Public Instruction: S. M. N. BARRIS.
 - For Judge Criminal District Court: P. D. CRAWFORD.
 - For County Tax Collector: HENRY SCHUPPBACH.
 - For County Tax Assessor: HERBERT BISHOPE.
 - For Sheriff: ALLEN SEALE.
 - For Criminal District Attorney: WILLIAM MCCRAY.
- 100 Per Cent Ticket—Let's all go Home Together.

Ten Year Old Miss Writes Letter of Cheer to Governor

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson: I am going to write this letter and let you put it in the Forum. I am the little girl you met at Tyler at the speaking. I am ten years old.

Dear Mrs. Ferguson: My mother and daddy both are for Mrs. Ferguson and they are trying their best to help her so that she can be elected as governor. I have learned the song that you printed in the Forum. My daddy likes to hear me sing that song.

I hope Mrs. Ferguson beats Dan Moody all to pieces. I guess I had better close. Hope Mrs. Ferguson is elected.

Your little friend,
MARY FRANCES BOWDLOIN,
Lindale, Texas, July 6, 1926.

Texans on Vacation in Canada Vote for Gov. M. A. Ferguson

Distance is no obstacle to loyal Ferguson supporters when they desire to cast their ballots for Mrs. Ferguson for re-election. Word has been received in Dallas by Fred Tennant Jr., from his parents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tennant Sr., who are touring in Canada, that they had cast absentee votes for Mrs. Ferguson at Winnipeg. Each paid \$2.00 notarial fees for the privilege but were cheerful about it and in their message to Fred Jr., added: "Tell Jim to Pour it on 'em."

B. Y. Cummings Will Speak for Fergusons at Temple Saturday

A great Ferguson rally is planned to be held in Temple, Saturday evening, July 17, at 8 o'clock. Hon. B. Y. Cummings of Wichita Falls, one of the most brilliant and effective speakers in the state will be the chief speaker of the evening. It is planned to make this occasion a gathering of Ferguson supporters from all parts of the county and preparations are being made for handling an enormous crowd.

Vast Throngs Are to Greet Joe Bailey at Hallettsville Today

Hallettsville, Texas, July 14.—Thursday, July 15, will be a red letter day in the annals of Hallettsville, Lavaca county, and all adjoining counties in that part of the state.

Never before have such gigantic preparations been made for a "strictly political rally." Senator Joseph Bailey, recognized as one of the greatest orators and best lawyers of the day, will be the chief speaker for the day, exercises beginning at 10:30 a. m. in the Herman Park.

A mounted Escort of Honor including Will Loessin, sheriff of Fayette county; B. Neighbors, sheriff of Gonzales county; James Brown, sheriff of Karnes county; L. O. Hudley, sheriff of Victoria county; A. H. Reitz, sheriff of Wharton county; Gus Lenz, sheriff of DeWitt county; L. A. Greer, sheriff of Lavaca county; O. T. East, city marshal of Hallettsville and their selected deputies, will accompany the chief speaker and lead the parade. Other distinguished guests and speakers will be there. Among those listed are Hon. Barry Miller, Lieutenant Governor, Highway Commissioner John M. Gage, Senator A. J. Wirtz, Senator T. J. Holbrook, Hon. F. W. Chudej, Senator Chas. Brachfield, Hon. Chas. Baughman, Com. Geo. B. Terrell, Senator John H. Bailley of Cuero, and Senator Gus Russok. Chief Justice W. C. Morrow and Associate Justice F. L. Hawkins, Court of Criminal Appeals, will also be present.

The committee in charge assures all that there will be plenty to eat and drink, plenty shade, shelter and seats, grand reception and ball at night. Dinner will be served on the ground. Four bands have been engaged to furnish music throughout the day.

THE SIXTH WEEK OUT!

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there was a crowd of at least ten thousand people from more than ten counties present at the speaking at the City park. When I say ten thousand I can prove it. The Houston Post-Dispatch admitted the next day that I had eight thousand people. That ought to prove to any fair minded man that I had twelve thousand, but I think I only had ten thousand. A little girl by the name of Margaret Moody, who was careful to say that she was no kin to Dan Moody, recited some verses about Ma and the election to the entertainment of the crowd. I was then introduced by Senator Fairchild and when he told the crowd of ten thousand that I was the best friend that East Texas ever had in the governor's chair except Ma Ferguson the crowd took the roof off in wild applause. Senator Fairchild only spoke nine minutes in the introduction and was cheered five times in the nine minutes and the biggest cheer came when he said that Governor Ferguson would carry Angelina county by three thousand majority. This represents an increase of 10% over the vote of two years ago.

My old Bell county friend, J. L. Yancy, helped to take care of the ceremonies and his young son, Jimmie Yancy, is running for the legislature and they told me he was going to be elected. He will probably be the youngest member of the house. Uncle Jap Brookshire, now more than 80 years old, attended the speaking both at Livingston and at Lufkin. My old time friend, A. J. Spradley, brought a big delegation from Nacogdoches down to Lufkin and he tells me that East Texas is at least 10% stronger for the governor than ever before. Mr. Spradley knows what the result will be in East Texas and he has given me dependable information for ten years. My friend, Tom Goolsby, took me over to Nacogdoches and I met all the old time friends that have been prominent in the Nacogdoches Ferguson support for many years. Judge V. E. Middlebrook and Giles Haltom were there, Max Hart was there, Frank Tucker was there and Jess King, Judge W. H. Davidson, W. G. Ener and about 100 others from Sabine county were there, and in fact everywhere I go these days the old guard is there to extend me a welcome hand and that is the reason why I know the governor is going over the top. We had fully 7,500 people at the Nacogdoches date and there were people there from fifteen counties. My old time Shoemaker friend, Mr. King, the county judge, and Wm. Ener were there with a number of their friends.

A fellow told me the other day that the monkey faced Baptist preachers would tend to the governor's case in this election. I told him that the monkey faced Baptist preachers were not so much, that the governor would get two shoemaker votes to every monkey faced Baptist preacher vote that Moody got and then some besides. Hon. Moss Adams presided at the Nacogdoches meeting and he is one of the many prominent men in East Texas who are supporting the Fergusons for the first time. Hon. Eugene Blount introduced me to the audience and he said all East Texas owed me a debt of gratitude for the assistance that I had given East Texas in the way of education. I appreciated this compliment but he paid me another one that I appreciated more. That was he said that I had always endeavored to be a friend of the poor people when they needed a friend more than perhaps any other man in public life. In the simple annals of the poor are to be found the history of all great ideas that have given to the world Christianity and civilization. "Let me live by the side of the road and be a friend to man" rings in my ears every day of my life. Gene Blount is one of the big men and the coming man of Texas. The greatest evidence of this is that he is a rich man and yet is perhaps the most popular man in Nacogdoches county, unless it be my old friend, Mr. Schmidt, who they say has helped more farmers in time of distress than any man in his county. I am glad to claim him as one of y best friends.

John Wood, the old standby from Shelby county, took me over from Nacogdoches to his home town, Timpson, where I spent the night. John is one of the best and truest friends any man ever had. I did not make a speech at Timpson but they gave me a little surprise party to more than six hundred people who came to shake hands and send their best regards to the governor. The next morning we went to Center in the rain which continued all day. In the evening, however it cleared up a little bit and we had an audience of 2,500 people, which is about the size of a Moody or Davidson audience. I was introduced by Rev. F. M. Mathis, a Methodist preacher who had lived in East Texas all of his life and who knew Governor Ferguson's mother who was born in Panola county 86 years ago. As I arose to speak little Francis Dillon and Master C. O. Gibson Jr. presented me with flowers to be taken to the governor and there was also a letter from the women voters of the Miriam A. Ferguson club which read as follows:

"To Hon. Jas. E. Ferguson and Gov. M. A. Ferguson:

"This basket of flowers wears the colors of the Lone Star flag. The white for sacrifice—the sacrifice you have always made of your own interests to fight the battles of the little 'red school houses' that dot the hills and valleys and plains of Texas, of labor, of the poor and oppressed to whom you have shown mercy; the red is for courage—the courage that has made you stand four-square for the things you believe in; the blue for loyalty—for no man can say that Jas. E. Ferguson ever failed a friend. These are your colors, because you have been true to them, we send these flowers as a symbol of our faith in you, a flag of hope that the victory of yourself and your good wife will be the greatest of your political career.

"WOMEN VOTERS OF THE MIRIAM FERGUSON CLUB."

The majority in Shelby county will be 2,500. It was 2,100 two years ago. To show you the loyalty of the people in this county I want to tell this fact. The boys were taking up a little collection for the reception and they went to my friend, J. B. Askins, a tenant farmer, and asked him for a small donation. He says, "Boys, I haven't got any money but to show you that I am still for the Fergusons I am going into my smoke house and get you a ham, the last one hanging on the pole." When people give their last

ham to support a campaign everybody else just as well take out for such loyalty passeth all understanding.

I spent Sunday in Carthage and was entertained at the home of Mr. Byron O. Reed and Mrs. Reed, a most estimable lady, gave a dinner party at which were Dr. J. A. Daniels, the mayor of Carthage, Judge Long and his son, Lee Ferguson, Walter Anderson, my old time school teacher friend whose initials I did not get, S. C. Turner, R. M. Parks and B. W. Baker. I did not speak in Panola county but from the information I got I am sure the governor will carry the county by ten per cent more than she did two years ago.

On Saturday morning I left Carthage and through the courtesies and comforts of Dr. Daniels and Mr. Reed's car, I went to Henderson. On the way I stopped at Beckville and my old time friends Ed Barber and Banks Williams introduced me to all the neighbors, probably three or four hundred voters. When I got to Henderson the old standbys, W. D. Arnold and Bill Shaddin were on the job and had all arrangements made for the big celebration. I was introduced to an audience of 8,000 people and my friend, Jim Gray, presided. He introduced my good friend, J. O. Cooper, who paid his respects to the big newspapers of Texas who are fighting Ma Ferguson. Just as I am writing this I got a telegram from Henderson and they informed me that Dan Moody was speaking to 800 people. Poor Dan is a blowed up sucker that is weakening every day. His friends know it, his opposition sees it, the dogs know it, the children know it, the women know it and Lynch Davidson is shouting about it and Moody is paying the penalty for sponsoring a hate campaign in Texas politics.

Boys, get busy. I will try and write a few lines next week, but if I don't we will just go strong. Ma will win in the first primary.

JAS. E. FERGUSON.

Moody's Home Organ Takes Issue With Him Over Road Work Done by F. L. Denison

Dan Moody came to Temple, the home for Jim Ferguson Friday, July 2, to spew out his hate and malice. He indulged in his usual reckless statements about road and road work and when he charged crookedness in Bell county road building he was informed by Frank L. Denison that he (Denison) was the contractor and Moody's statements were unfounded. Mr. Denison also had been maintenance contractor for Williamson county, where Moody lives. Moody said in his speech that he was a better lawyer than Denison is a maintenance contractor. On that point the Williamson County Sun, published at Georgetown, the chief newspaper in Williamson county and champion of Moody's candidacy differs widely with its candidate. The Sun said in a recent article: "If all contractors in the state had maintained their roads as Mr. Denison has done in this district the policy or contracting maintenance would have been a most successful one."

Frank Denison is one of the foremost business men and the most public-spirited citizens in Texas and Dan Moody's slurs only served to prove the pitiful smallness of the attorney general's spirit. The Temple Daily Telegram commenting upon the colloquy between Denison and Moody, in its issue of Sunday, July 4, under the caption "F. L. Denison, Road Builder" makes this editorial estimate of Mr. Denison which is endorsed by the Moody supporters in this territory:

"In his severe criticism of F. L. Denison as a road builder, in his speech Friday night, Dan Moody does not agree with his home county newspapers and citizens. The Williamson County Sun, although an avowed champion of Mr. Moody for governor, and bitterly opposed to the present administration, recently published an article highly commending Mr. Denison for the excellent road work performed in Williamson county, in which it stated unequivocally that the road work being performed in that county by Mr. Denison was most highly satisfactory and beyond criticism."

And similar reports come from the other counties where Mr. Denison held road maintenance contracts under the state highway commission. So it is presumed that when Mr. Moody declared that he was a better lawyer than Denison was a road builder, he was just "making talk," for granting that Mr. Moody is a very excellent lawyer, it is also true that Mr. Denison holds a very enviable and unassailable reputation as a road builder.

"And he is also teaching the road-building commission, in its report of the state highway commission, and on a 'cost-plus basis,' as charged by Mr. Moody (because it was something new, there being no precedent on which a builder could base an estimate) the cost of concrete piling was cut from a state-wide average of \$4.17 per foot to the very low cost of \$1.50 per foot. And other concrete work for which former highway commission has paid an average of \$21.60 per yard, was placed on this model highway by Mr. Denison and Engineer Moore, working under the contract plan, at \$10.50 per yard, or a little less than half the price formerly paid for similar work."

"It is not the purpose of the Telegram to defend the state highway commission in its selection of a location for this stretch of road, since the research branch of Bell county, we are glad that it was decided to locate it here. And since this is the geographical center of the state, and easily accessible to all citizens of the state interested in modern road construction, and since the research branch of the highway department was authorized or instructed to conduct the experi-

ment somewhere in the state, why not here? Anyway, as stated, we are proud that the road was built here instead of elsewhere, and since it is here we feel enough pride in it to defend its quality against attack. Granting Mr. Moody, and others, full right to criticize the commission for locating the road in Bell county, we must mildly protest against the charges that the road is not a good one. For we who have occasion to use it believe that it is a very excellent type of road, and well constructed. In fact, about the only local protest heard so far comes from the undertakers, hospitals and ambulance drivers, who declare that the new double-track road is hindering their business. Despite the fact that the new road carries an immense volume of traffic, mostly at high speed, not an accident of any consequence has occurred on the new Temple-Belton pike since its completion, where formerly accidents of serious and fatal consequence were frequent."

"So, without any desire or intention of becoming involved in the bitter political controversies which are now agitating the state, we must defend our wonderful new highway, and commend Engineer S. B. Moore who designed it, and F. L. Denison who built it on a cost-plus basis, but nevertheless at a substantial saving."

Here is what Dan's chief home county newspaper thinks of Frank Denison's road maintenance work:

"Mr. Joe N. May, county road supervisor for maintenance of the state highways in Williamson county working for Mr. F. L. Denison of Temple, maintenance contractor for several counties in Texas, has retired from this work, the contract with the state having expired. At this time it is stated the state may take over the maintenance of highways beginning June 15, as all contracts in the state will have expired by that date. During the service of Mr. May under Mr. Denison the state highway in this county have been declared more satisfactorily maintained than in any county in the state, Mr. Denison having spared nothing in effort or expense to comply with every need of the roads in this county. There are 145 miles of state highway in Williamson county which with the exception of less than ten miles are A-1 roads and open for travel in all kinds of weather. If all contractors in the state had maintained their roads as Mr. Denison has done in this district the policy of contracting maintenance of the highways would have been a most successful one. His work has been an outstanding success in Williamson county."

Some difference of opinion, Eh, What?

Houston Labor Body Endorses Candidacy of Gov. Ferguson

Houston, Tex., July 14.—Endorsement of various candidates including Governor Ferguson and Lieutenant Governor Miller was given Sunday morning at a meeting of the Progressive Political League held at the Labor Temple.

Candidates who were endorsed at Sunday's meeting included, besides the governor and lieutenant governor: Attorney general, Charles L. Branch; state treasurer, W. Gregory Hatcher; Dallas and commissioner, J. T. Robinson; Morris county; railroad commissioner, Robert E. Speer; Dallas; congressman, Daniel E. Garrett; Houston; state senator, J. P. Rogers; district attorney,

George A. Wilson, president of the league, declared: "As for the league not being representative of labor, all I can say is that the men at the meeting have been actively in the ranks of labor for years and that they should be representative of organized labor."

Amount of Fee Paid in Moody Road Suit Subject of Letters

The following correspondence has been submitted to the Forum for publication:

Austin, Tex., July 7, 1926.
Honorable T. H. McGregor,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Senator McGregor: Our attention has been called to a report in the Ferguson Forum of July 1st, of a speech delivered by you at Gilmer in which you are quoted as saying that "it was developed and has since been admitted" that the attorneys for the defendant in the American Road company case were paid "the enormous fee of one hundred thousand dollars." Apparently you did not state how such fact had been developed or by whom it had been admitted.

In the interest of truth we desire to say that the total fee paid by the American Road company to the two firms of attorneys who represented the defendant in the case referred to was the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars and not one hundred thousand dollars as stated by you.

The division of the fee between the two law firms would seem to be of concern only to them, yet since it is the truth we do not mind saying to you that the fee was apportioned as follows: The firm of Beall, Worsham, Rollins, Balford and Ryburn, Dallas, received Fifteen Thousand Dollars; and the firm of Wilcox, Graves & Taylor, of Austin received Ten Thousand Dollars.

In fairness, you will of course concede that the attorneys in a case are in better position to estimate correctly the amount of labor bestowed by them on their own case than is one who has no connection with the case. We therefore take the liberty of saying that your statement that "the labor involved in handling this case was negligible" is no less inaccurate than is your statement concerning the amount of the fee paid.

Other inaccuracies and erroneous conclusions reported in your speech seem to be attributable to your misinformation concerning the amount of the attorneys' fees as is indicated by your statement that "The important outstanding and controlling factor in the compromise and settlement of this American Road company case is the magnitude of this tremendous fee of one hundred thousand dollars."

We assume that you would not intentionally do an injustice to your brother lawyers and that therefore you will cause this letter to be published in the next issue of the Ferguson Forum, wherein your incorrect statement appeared.

Yours truly,
Beall, Worsham, Rollins, Balford & Ryburn,
Dallas, and Austin, Texas.

Austin, Tex., July 8, 1926,
Messrs. Beall, Worsham, Rollins, Balford and Ryburn,
Dallas, and Austin, Texas.

Gentlemen: I am in receipt of your letter of July 7th, the opening paragraph of which is as follows: "Our attention has been called to a report in the Ferguson Forum of July 1st, of a speech delivered by you at Gilmer in which you are quoted as saying that "it was developed and has since been admitted" that the attorneys for the defendant in the American Road company case were paid "the enormous fee of one hundred thousand dollars." Apparently you did not state how such fact had been developed or by whom it had been admitted."

Such fact had been "developed" and had been "admitted" as follows:

Prior to April 1st, 1926, Attorney General Dan Moody told me that the attorneys for the American Road company had been paid a fee of one hundred thousand dollars. Thereafter, I told Governor Ferguson that Mr. Moody had told me this. On April 1st, 1926, Governor Ferguson issued a statement entitled "Ferguson replies to Moody." In that statement, among other things, Governor Ferguson said "Senator T. H. McGregor tells me that you (Moody) told him that the lawyers in the American Road company's case got one hundred thousand dollars. I do not know of course what they got. I only know what you told Senator McGregor and I believe him. Under the agreement

made by you in court, the American Road company stepped out with a profit of nine hundred thousand dollars. The Governor employed two lawyers at one thousand dollars each to prevent you from making that profit and now you admit that your friends representing the Road company made one hundred thousand dollars."

This statement of Governor Ferguson's was published in the Forum, the daily press, and in circulars and generally distributed throughout the State in such way that at least one half million copies thereof must have reached the public.

Within two or three days after the issuance of this statement by Governor Ferguson I was standing in the lobby of the Stephen F. Austin hotel talking with ex-Governor Neff, R. B. Walthall and Mr. Davis when Mr. Moody passed, addressing us and said to me: "I see you have been getting your name in the paper." I said, sometimes my name gets in the paper. It is denied on, and Governor Neff asked me, yet he referred to. This was the first time I had seen Mr. Moody after Ferguson's statement and I told Governor Neff that he referred to the statement made by Governor Ferguson with reference to the one hundred thousand dollar fee.

On May 22nd, 1926, at Sulphur Springs, Texas, Governor James E. Ferguson made his opening speech in his wife's behalf in the present campaign. In that speech, among other things he said: "This calls to mind that more than two years ago I charged in a public statement that Mr. Moody HAD ADMITTED that the lawyers in the American Road company case received a fee of one hundred thousand dollars and Mr. Moody has not up to this good hour denied the statement. It is not true then why did he make the statement. If he did not make the statement then why has he never denied it. Another remarkable thing is that notwithstanding that Mr. Moody was supposed to be fighting the lawyers and the American Road company so hard, yet in Trinity county the loudest speakers for Moody's campaign are none other than the American Road company lawyers."

This speech was published in full in the Ferguson Forum, the daily press of the state and distributed by circulars. It is safe to say that more than one-half million copies of this speech, dated May 22nd, was distributed to the people of Texas.

Thereafter, Mr. Moody at San Antonio in a speech undertook to deny charges made by Governor Ferguson.

In the Dallas News of May 23rd, Governor James E. Ferguson catalogued and listed those charges which had been made and which had not been denied by Mr. Moody. In this list he calls specific attention to the fact that Mr. Moody had not denied that he had told me that the attorneys for the American Road company had received a fee of one hundred thousand dollars.

Thus it will be seen that the statement that the attorneys for the American Road company had received this fee had been published throughout this state more than a million times before I referred to it in my Gilmer speech. I regret that you gentlemen were not appraised of this publicity sooner that you might have "nipped it in the bud."

It was Mr. Moody who said you got the one hundred thousand dollar fee and not me. Your controversy, therefore, is with Mr. Moody, and not with me.

The foregoing constitutes "how such fact had been developed" and "by whom it had been admitted."

I am requesting the Ferguson Forum to publish your letter and this reply thereto.

Yours etc.,

T. H. MCGREGOR.

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By JAMES E. FERGUSON

MIRIAM A. FERGUSON	411,844
DAN MOODY	306,887
LYNCH DAVIDSON	63,000
OTHERS	21,000

Of course when anybody tries to tell you just exactly how many votes they are going to get they are generally impelled more by personal preference than by personal information. The man who talks about election results just to hear his head rattle is a common nuisance that is at this time running loose in many parts of the state. However, election results can, if based on obtainable information, be forecasted with a greater degree of certainty than is generally supposed. Two years ago people thought that I was a great guesser because I told within four thousand votes of how many my wife would receive in the first primary running against six candidates. The fact was that there was no mystery about it and I was able to tell this before election for the reason that I had obtainable information from every county enabling me to give a reliable forecast. Following this rule and with the same information available this time I am now giving to the public my estimate of the vote in the July primary. I am giving hereunder the vote by counties in the Ferguson-Robertson campaign of 1924 and side by side with it I am giving the vote which the Governor will get and the amount of the anti-Ferguson vote. In these figures I dispose of all the candidates in the race. It will be noted that I estimate that Lynch Davidson will only receive 70,000 votes. I will not have any personal objection if he gets more, but as he only received 141,000 votes in the primary two years ago, even his best friends now are doubtful of his getting in the run off. I am not here discussing personal likes and dislikes. I am only discussing election returns based upon known information. If anybody thinks that Davidson will get anything over one-half the vote he did two years ago just let them inquire in any county in Texas and that will disabuse their minds of any such idea. If Davidson could have shown any strength at any stage of the campaign that would have been sufficient for him to have beaten Moody, I would not have in the least stood in his way and would have done my best to have helped him beat Moody, whom I think is the most incompetent man that has ever offered for state office in Texas; but as Lynch has not shown strength it will be folly for his friends to waste their vote on him in this campaign.

As shown by the election returns of two years ago given by counties there was a total of 787,073 votes, of which Governor Ferguson received 441,632 and Robertson received 345,441, a majority for Governor Ferguson of 96,191 votes. As there has been an unusual increase in poll tax payments in Bowie and Hidalgo counties I have added this increase amounting to 15,658 votes, which added to the total vote of two years ago will make a total of 802,731 votes, which I estimate will be in the July primary. Of course there may be a deflection of fifty thousand votes either way, but based upon political experience there ought to be approximately that many. As shown by the tabulated returns by counties herein set forth I estimate that Governor Ferguson will receive if only she and Moody were in the race 453,844 votes. However, as Davidson is in the race it will be proper to deduct from her vote one-half of the Davidson vote, or 35,000, leaving the net Ferguson vote at 418,844 votes. By the same rule the total Moody vote, if just he and Governor Ferguson were in the race, would be 348,887, but deducting one-half of the Davidson vote from his vote would leave him 313,887 votes. Then giving Davidson his 70,000 votes we would have a total as I have estimated of 802,731 votes. However, it must not be overlooked that there are three other candidates in the field and though they are not active, experience has proven that most anybody can get five thousand votes for Governor who can put their name on the ticket. I have estimated that these three candidates will get a total of 21,000 votes, which also will have to be deducted from the vote of the three leading candidates. If this deduction of 21,000 votes is divided equally between the three leading candidates it would be 7,000 votes to be deducted from the vote of each candidate. This would leave Ferguson 411,844 votes, Moody 306,887 votes and Davidson 63,000 votes, which with the 21,000 votes we can balance the total of 802,731 votes. I may be asked upon what basis do I allow Moody only 348,887 votes. My answer is that the reason is found in the vote of Felix Robertson two years ago when he received 345,441 votes, only about 3,000 difference. In that vote of 345,441 votes for Robertson was included every Klan voter and every anti-Ferguson voter. It included the voter who did not like Ferguson but hated the Klan worse. It included the voter who liked Ferguson but loved the Klan more. In short, that 345,441 votes which Robertson received included the sum total of all opposition of the Klan and to Ferguson. It included voters like Dan Moody, who gave counsel to the Robertson side, looking into any county in Texas the great similarity of the Robertson support and the Moody support anybody seeking the facts will see that it is largely the same. Of course I do not mean to deny that there will be several thousand voters who voted for Governor Ferguson two years ago who will vote for Moody in this campaign. But for every vote which she loses on that score there will be a vote for her from the heretofore Klan membership who have quit the Klan and have bowed to the will of the Democratic party and no longer permit the Klan politician to use them for political purposes. If anybody thinks that the estimated vote which I publish herewith is not based upon reliable information just let them pick out their county and get reliable information from that county and they will find that I have been more than conservative in my estimate. If any voter is really anxious to know whether I am just guessing or bluffing let him pick out just half a dozen counties and get information from reliable friends and then let him compare this information with my estimate and he will see that I have forecasted the result as near as any human mind can in advance of complete returns.

I know that this estimate is going to meet with a big guffaw from the Moody crowd when it first appears, but just watch the effect of the pizen at the end of the first week. I am giving them information that they did not know themselves how to get. Many of them have heretofore deceived themselves but when the high life begins to work the Moody bunch will make a turpentine cad look like thirty cents. Read and be convinced.

COUNTY	ROBERTSON Second Primary 1924	FERGUSON Second Primary 1924	FERGUSON Estimated 1926	ANTI Estimated 1926
Anderson	2,849	2,881	3,169	2,561
Andrews	65	87	87	65
Angelina	1,406	4,048	4,048	1,406
Aransas	238	170	170	238
Archer	465	948	948	465
Armstrong	540	270	270	540
Atascosa	775	763	763	775
Austin	568	3,520	3,000	1,088
Bailey	161	233	233	161
Bandera	363	338	338	363
Bastrop	1,708	2,379	2,379	1,708
Baylor	555	1,201	1,201	555
Bee	1,106	61	61	1,106
Bell	5,259	5,959	7,218	4,000
Bexar	8,916	13,194	11,500	11,500
Blanco	209	873	873	209
Borden (No election)				
Bosque	1,298	3,407	3,407	1,298
Bowie	2,438	3,061	3,569	3,568
Brazoria	1,494	1,162	1,643	1,013
Brazos	1,763	1,286	1,938	1,110
Brewster	198	256	256	198
Briscoe	286	554	554	286
Brooks	92	92	102	80
Brown	1,701	2,969	2,969	1,701
Burleson	763	2,399	2,000	1,062

Burnet	926	1,665	1,591	1,100
Caldwell	1,616	1,737	1,737	1,616
Callahan	411	693	693	411
Callahan	808	1,774	1,951	631
Cameron	1,521	1,526	2,000	1,047
Camp	729	1,165	1,165	729
Carson	642	626	626	642
Cass	1,725	2,049	2,574	1,200
Castro	58	261	261	58
Chambers	294	388	388	294
Cherokee	2,642	3,680	4,000	2,322
Childress	983	1,389	1,389	983
Clay	1,267	1,972	1,967	1,267
Cochran	22	76	76	22
Coke	427	590	590	427
Coleman	1,465	2,903	2,903	1,465
Collin	4,673	6,714	6,714	4,673
Collingsworth	902	1,091	1,091	902
Colorado	1,008	2,495	2,495	1,008
Comal	48	2,111	2,000	159
Comanche	1,789	3,039	3,039	1,789
Concho	374	871	871	374
Cooke	2,468	2,532	2,532	2,468
Coryell	1,780	3,503	3,503	1,780
Cottle	482	978	978	482
Crane (Unorganized)				
Crockett	42	137	137	42
Crosby				
Culberson	43	87	87	43
Dallas	405	312	300	417
Dallas	23,328	15,755	18,905	20,178
Dawson	813	1,072	1,072	813
Deaf Smith	346	202	246	346
Delta	1,573	1,894	2,000	1,467
Denton	3,247	3,788	3,788	3,247
Dewitt	1,368	3,483	3,483	1,368
Dickens	717	1,070	1,070	717
Dimmitt	125	227	227	125
Donley	845	508	508	845
Duval	5	1,260	1,260	5
Eastland	3,143	4,242	4,776	2,609
Ector	66	208	208	66
Edwards	98	157	157	98
Ellis	4,560	5,888	6,468	3,972
El Paso	3,074	3,114	3,114	3,074
Erath	1,378	3,145	3,145	1,378
Falls	1,686	2,924	2,924	1,686
Fannin	4,327	4,535	4,862	4,000
Fayette	482	5,413	5,413	482
Fisher	1,140	1,942	1,942	1,140
Floyd	874	973	973	874
Foard	266	571	571	266
Fort Bend	619	1,857	1,700	766
Franklin	673	1,310	1,310	673
Freestone	1,871	2,215	2,215	1,871
Frio	728	596	596	728
Gaines	180	104	104	180
Galveston	2,561	4,411	4,411	2,561
Garza	858	519	519	858
Gillespie	188	2,413	2,000	594
Glasscock	66	101	100	67
Goliad	332	622	622	332
Gonzales	1,763	2,171	2,171	1,763
Gray	433	388	388	433
Grayson	6,463	5,518	5,518	6,463
Gregg	1,053	1,077	1,077	1,053
Grimes	1,289	1,471	1,471	1,289
Guadalupe	429	2,127	1,500	500
Hale	1,075	1,163	1,163	1,075
Hall	891	891	891	891
Hamilton	968	2,490	2,490	968
Hansford	285	241	241	285
Hardeman	974	1,266	1,266	974
Hardin	1,304	1,502	1,604	1,200
Harris	14,962	14,201	12,000	17,163
Harrison	1,654	2,612	2,612	1,654
Hartley	172	159	159	172
Haskell	1,528	2,451	2,451	1,528
Hays	1,554	1,039	1,039	1,554
Hemphill	171	103	103	171
Henderson	2,077	3,652	3,652	2,077
Hidalgo	1,423	747	3,500	2,500
Hill	4,718	4,379	4,718	4,379
Hockley (No report)				
Hood	623	1,346	1,346	623
Hopkins	3,217	3,156	3,500	2,873
Houston	1,554	2,596	2,596	1,554
Howard	1,090	961	961	1,090
Hughes	94	37	37	94
Hunt	6,653	4,776	4,776	6,653
Hutchinson (No elec.)				
Irion	173	135	135	173
Jack	981	1,044	1,044	981
Jackson	746	718	700	864
Jasper	800	1,332	1,332	800
Jeff Davis	107	57	57	107
Jefferson	6,118	4,314	4,745	5,687
Jim Hogg	116	17	17	116
Jim Wells	380	640	640	380
Johnson	3,642	3,505	3,505	3,642
Jones	2,049	2,960	2,960	2,049
Karnes	1,157	1,877	1,877	1,157
Kaufman	3,303	4,359	4,359	3,303
Kendall	141	510	510	141
Kenedy	4	88	88	4
Kent (No report)				
Kerr	654	691	691	654
Kimble	433	682	682	433
King	59	94	94	59
Kinney	19	88	88	19
Kleberg	751	467	467	751
Knox	1,338	1,332	1,520	1,194
Lamar	4,961	3,814	4,195	4,580
Lamb	470	390	390	470
Lampasas	938	1,485	1,485	938
LaSalle	175	355	355	175
Lavaca	1,182	5,120	5,120	1,182
Lee	496	2,123	2,123	496
Leon	989	1,663	1,829	823
Liberty	1,454	1,549	1,549	1,454
Limestone	2,769	4,269	4,695	2,343
Lipscomb	58	74	74	58
Live Oak (No elec.)				
Llano	540	1,191	1,191	540
Loving (Unorganized)				
Lubbock	2,064	1,802	1,932	1,832
Lynn	1,033	1,217	1,217	1,033
Madison	869	1,412	1,412	869
Marion	472	589	589	474
Martin	351	271	271	351
Mason	459	1,136	1,100	491
Matagorda	1,127	1,002	1,002	1,127
Maverick	68	127	127	68
McCulloch	1,227	1,628	1,628	1,227
McCombs	7324	5,538	6,146	6,766
McMullen	40	73	73	40
Medina	729	1,389	1,389	729
Menard	340	590	590	340
Midland	249	571	571	249
Milam	2,233	4,632	4,632	2,233
Mills	593	1,486	1,486	593
Mitchell	885	1,234	1,234	885
Montague	1,662	2,839	2,839	1,662
Montgomery	1,004	1,176	1,176	1,004
Moore	67	32	32	67
Morris	565	733	733	565
Motley	382	448	448	382
Nacogdoches	1,536	3,126	3,126	1,536
Navarro	4,349	5,221	5,743	3,827
Newton	417	1,078	1,078	417
Nolan	1,333	1,424	1,424	1,333
Nueces	2,839	2,625	2,887	2,577
Ochiltree	288	50	50	288
Oldham	93	87	87	93
Orange	1,222	1,271	1,271	1,222

Palo Pinto	1,562	1,533	1,533	1,562
Panola	1,194	2,294	2,294	1,194
Parker	2,002	2,026	2,228	1,800
Parmer	207	119	119	207
Pecos	105	158	158	105
Polk	1,149	1,473	1,473	1,149
Potter	2,731	1,021	1,021	2,731
Presidio	113	192	192	113
Rains	521	1,143	1,143	521
Randall	509	376	376	509
Reagan	64	30	30	64
Real	32	40	40	32
Red River	1,701	2,698	2,698	1,701
Reeves	331	301	301	331
Refugio	242	617	617	242
Roberts	314	169	169	314
Robertson	1,331	2,054	2,054	1,331
Rockwall	716	1,176	1,176	716
Runnels	1,759	2,626	2,626	1,759
Rusk	2,029	2,375	2,375	2,029
Sabine	593	1,685	1,685	593
San Augustine	392	1,742	1,742	392
San Jacinto	400	540	540	400
San Patricio	1,541	727	727	1,541
San Saba	793	1,736	1,736	793
Schleicher	135	307	307	135
Scurry	1,539	1,033	1,033	1,539
Shackelford	373	925	925	373
Shelby	1,727	3,780	3,780	1,727
Sherman	138	31	31	138
Smith	4,353	2,453	2,453	4,353
Somervell	166	621	621	166
Starr	5	667	667	5
Stephens	1,428	2,181	2,181	1,428
Sterling	192	250	250	192
Stonewall	410	827	827	410
Sutton	68	269	269	68