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Proposes Mrs. Ferguson" as" Entry"
In "Four Horse Race" or as"Many"
More as Offer For Governorship
 Ferguson and the Hon. Miriam A. Ferguson have made the
best Governor since I have been in Texas. I have lived in
Texas twenty-four years and have taken some hand in poli tics some eighteen years.
I am at present working by day labor. I am going to a
all the working people to rally to the support of Miriam Ferguson for next governor. If all working people vote fo
her I know she will be elected, as I know she stands out for her I know she will be elected, as I know she stands out for
all the people and especially all that make their living by the
sweat of their brow. I supported James E . Ferguson three times for governo
and once for United States senator. I supported Miriam A Ferguson three times for governor and am not a bit sorry fo doing so as I feel proud of her being our governor.
I want Mrs. Ferguson to run for governor and Hon. James
Ferguson to run for United States senator against Earle E. Ferguson to run for United States senator against Earle
Mayfield. My home is well fixed this year as my wife, daugh Wuson family. hour law and he gave it his hearty endorsement. If If remem er right there were but eight governors out of forty-eigh
who supported an eight-hour law. When we wanted the semi
What monthly pay day, he was governor and we got it where we had
failed before. Many other things I could call to the attention ailed before. Many other things I could call to the attention
of the people James Ferguson did for all the working people.
At present I am running a locomotive on the St. Louis At present I am running a locomotive on the St. Louis
Southwestern railroad and belong to the Brotherhood of Lo Southwestern railroad and belong to the Brotherhood of Lo
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twenty years. Have represented them in national conventions three times and as legislatve representative eighteen yea
and I can say from my knowledge of many who have run for
office and been elected to office that the Fergusons are the
only ones who keep their promises with the people and that
what is hurting all the politicians who are fighting them. only ones who keep their promises with the people and that
what is hurting all the politicians who are fighting them.
J. H. WALLACE.

## Commerce, Texas.

## Move for East and

 West Road Through Live Oak in Favor

## THE OLD KLAN AND THE NEW

 Ku Klux Klan by Capt. John W. Morton, Gen. Bedford Forrest's chief artillery a great and a beneficent order.
The klan-Greek "kuklos," a circle, "Klan," Irish, at least, Celtic, clan of which Gen. Bedford Forrest was grand cyclops was organized at the newspaper office of Luther McCord of Pulaski, one of my later asso ciates in journalism.

A spurious, vulgar, self-styled Ku Klux Klan is now, 1925, parading as a new Ku Klux-an insult to the survivors of the honorable and honored old order which should be suppressed by law, aided by gunshot, or rope.
Methodists and Catholics Driven From Mexico; Many Teachers and Priests Find Safe Haven In Texas


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Marrs and Moody Are Linked In Political Fortunes, Jim Ferguson Says In Talk About Book Awards

## TO CANDIDATES-

The Forum is the best medium for making known your candidacy as it is read more closely than any other paper in all Texas. Political announcements of candidates for office in the
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Nudity of Feminine Legs, Jokes On
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Size of Paper Money
May Be Reduced Says
Washington Report

## Public Warehouses Under Supervision of

 Agricultural Chief
# Ferguson Forum "Builders of Texas" Campaign 

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# Rubber Production In Texas Uncler 

The possibilities of Southwestern Texas becoming the center of rubber growing in the United States is being pointed out by the Intercontinental Rubber Company of New York, resulting from experiments it has conducted in Southwestern and Western States.

Announcement of this kind of investigation is contained in a press dispatch from Washington. The investigation thus fan gives hope that the Texas areas found to be valuable for rubber growing, together with growing in other regions, give promise that ultimately rubber may be raised within the United States in quantities large enough to supply a great measure of the domestic needs.

In a letter to Representative James F. Parker of New York, G. H. Carnahan, president of the company, tells of the widespread experiments the company has carried on with faith that it will finally prove successful in relieving consumers of the United States of the foreign monopoly. Up to date the company has expended $\$ 1,000,000$ in experimental work, which Mr. Carnahan describes as of "great nationaal importance."

Mr. Carnahan did not indicate in what States, twenty in number, the company is attempting to - grow rubber, explaining that details of the venture are at this time being withheld. However, mention was made of the Big Bend section of Western Texas in Brewster and Presidio Counties. The growing of plants that yield rubber has been in progress throughout the Rio Grande section of Texas for some years, but without the thought of culture in production of commercial rubber. Two such plants that came from that region of Texas are in Washington and show a surprisingly rapid growth under something of hóthouse conditions.

The work of the Intercontinental Rubber Company is about to be changed from an experimental to a commercial phase and Mir. Carnahan says he is convinced that rubber can be produced on American soil at costs that would enable it to be sold "under normal prices for competitive rubbers."

Mr. Carnahan's company has been growing rubber in Central Mexico since 1904, its total output there being $70,000,000$ pounds, of which 8 ,000,000 pounds was produced in 1925. This rubber comes from the wild guayule shrub which grows in abundance in Mexico as well as the Big Bend counties of Southern Texas.

Guayule seed from Mexico and Texas is being used on the company's land, 200 acres of which now are under cultivation, with an area of 600 acres more to be sown in the near future. With a knowledge of the cost of producing rubber in Sumatra, where the Intercontinental Company operates a plantation, Mr. Carnahan expressed the opinion that American production can be established on a sound business basis.
"All told, we have had experimental tracts in approximately twenty different localities in the Western and Southwestern States on lands purchased or leased," Mr. Carnahan says. "We have had some disappointments and a number of serious obstacles to overcome, but progress toward the ultimate objective has been steady.
"For reasons deemed to be in the best interest of all concerned, we have thus far kept the results of our work rather closely to the organization, but the time has come, we are persuaded, when a general statement of our position is due. We have not asked for any help nor is any needed in carrying out our plans as so far developed. However, we fully realize that eventually we must enlist the help, co-operation and confidence of the individual farmer and landowner in carrying out a development which would logically take some such course as the growing of sugar beets by individd uals."

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TIME TO MAKE INCOME TAX RETURNS




## GEORGE W. WEST


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laid dhe foundations of that great destiny to which Texas rapidiy is rising. He wrought well and has left a legacy of
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## Noted Outlaw Taken At Lubbock Pursuit Lasting Since 1921



Firemen Fight Blaze 35 Stories in Air
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THE FERGUSON FORUM
 Sam Robertson, Texas Sheriff, His Buddy, Who Holds He Is Innocent
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## FORUM CLASSIFIEDADS

# Ferguson Forum Good Roads Campaign 

# Concrete Road Building Increases! 

- The increase in concrete road building activities in the United States shows the increasing value placed on this type of road all over the country. Its permanency, its smoothness, its undoubted value to high priced tires combine to make for its popularity.

Motorists will have 6,000 miles more of this sort of road to travel over in 1926 than they had in 1925, according to recent statistics on the subject. At present there are about 38,000 miles of it in the entire country; the 1926 building will make 44,000 miles.

Most of these miles are in the cities, or in the districts immediately near larger cities. The more densely populated a community, the more traffic, the more money, the smaller the assessment by which these expensive roads are built.

Not only are the states building miles of concrete pavement, but the cities, themselves, are doing a valiant part in laying hundreds of thousands of blocks of
concrete paving. There are about 2,000 miles of concrete streets with an average width of 30 feet, and 400 miles of alleys 18 feet wide that have been constructed within the last year. The total is now placed at 10,000 miles of concrete streets and 2,000 miles of concrete alleys serving city traffic in the United States.

Statistics show that there are four states which have more than 2,500 miles of concrete paving, seven with between 2,500 and 1,000 miles, ten with 1,000 to 500 miles, of which Texas is one, eleven with 500 to 200 miles, three with 200 to 100 miles, and 13 with less than 100 miles.

Of these, two of the states with heaviest population, New York and Pennsylvania, have more than 2,500 miles. New Jersey and Ohio also had big concrete programs during the year.

These figures are listed, not to give a boost to the concrete builders, but to show something of the value to road
builders of this form of permanent paving.

Voters are getting more and more interested in putting down roads that will stand the acid test of the years. Concrete streets have stood considerable test in the past in the cities.

The whole moral of these statistics is that attached to permanency. We cling to the solid rocks of our constitution, to the solid rocks of our homes. We have reached that stage in public building where we should emulate the old Pharaohs who laid stone on stone to build those pyramids that the centuries have not demolished.

Some smart man once coined a phrase: The public be damned.

A smart merchant coined the phrase: The public be pleased.

It is time for the road builders of Texas to coin another phrase: The public be served.

# Gain Shown In Motor Bus Production 

Motor busses in use in the United States at the beginning of 1926 totaled 69,425 , a gain of 32 per cent in the past year, Edward F. Loomis, secretary of the motor truck committee of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, states in the current issue of "Bus Transportation." This total compares with an estimate of 52,925 made a year ago. The estimate is based upon a survey made jointly by "Bus Transportabased upon a survey made jointly by "Bus Transporta-
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Common carrier bus operations now cover 232,340 miles of route, while non-common carrier bus operations reach out over 334,401 miles. The number of busses operated by common carriers on January 1 of this year is estimated at 337,500 , which compares with 34,100 last year. Non-carrier bus operations account for 31 , 25 busses, as against 18,825 a year ago.
Most of the interstate lines operate in the New England states, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. New York City is the center of a network of these lines to

New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island cities.

Outstanding in the year's developments is the increase in the number of busses used by electric railways and their subsidiaries. The entrance of steam railroads into the bus field was of special significance. Further gains are expected in this group during the current year.

In the non-common carrier field the largest gain occurred in the number of busses used in school service, A large advanceunting to approximately 100 per cent. ing busses is indicated in the census

Bus chassis manufactured and delivered during 1925 totaled 17,466, the light-duty class furnishing the greatest number, namely, 6602 vehicles, or 38 per cent
Next in line was the heavy-duty class with a total 6107 vehicles, representing 35 per cent, while the med-ium-duty class, with a total of 4725 , furnished 27 per cent of the entire output.

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