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THE REAL ISSUE

Ferguson followers are doing everything in their power to change the issue of the campaign. They are jumping at every commendable act of the present administration—it would be hard for any one to be governor of Texas for a few years without accidentally doing some commendable thing—in a hopeless effort to detract the minds of the voters and the weakening former followers of Ferguson from the rank and rare rottenness of Jim's regime. The real issue is, will Texas continue to countenance the disgraceful dilemma of being dominated by an unimpeachable governor by proxy or will we go back to the Democratic principal and elect a governor who shall be directly responsible for his acts to the people?

DAVIDSON'S "RAIL ISSUES"

The News has received a telegram from Lynch Davidson's headquarters stating that a certain Judge Cook, of Fort Worth, will visit the towns on the proposed T. P. & G. for the purpose of "exposing Dan Moody in his efforts to destroy the T. P. & G. and discuss the rail issues of the campaign." This sounds like a vote catching scheme to us and does not raise Lynch much in our estimation. Personally we think he would be better off to indulge in a little "mud slinging"—the kind that Dan is putting out, rather than be trying to get a few extra votes by this kind of political propoganda.

Proposed Amendment To The Constitution

House Joint Resolution No. 9
A resolution proposing an amendment to Art. 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas by changing Section 3, eliminating the provision authorizing the Legislature to create special districts and making an appropriation therefor.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 3, Article 7, of the Constitution be so changed as to read as follows: (creating new section.)

"Section 3. One-fourth of the revenue derived from the State Occupation taxes and poll tax of one dollar on every inhabitant of the State, between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years, shall be set apart annually for the benefit of the public free schools; and in addition thereto, there shall be levied and collected an annual ad valorem State tax of such an amount not to exceed thirty-five cents on the one hundred (\$100.00) dollars valuation, as with the available school fund arising from all other sources, will be sufficient to maintain and support the public schools of this State for a period of not less than six months in each year, and it shall be the duty of the State Board of Education to set aside a sufficient amount out of the said tax to provide free text books for the use of children attending the public free schools of this State; provided, however, that should the limit of taxation herein named be insufficient the deficit may be met by appropriation from the general funds of the State and the Legislature may also provide for the formation of school districts by general laws; and all such school districts may embrace parts of two or more counties, and the pass laws for the assessment and collection of taxes in all said districts and for the management and control of the public school or schools of such districts, whether such districts are composed of territory wholly within a county or in parts of two or more counties, and the Legislature may authorize an additional ad valorem tax to be levied and collected within all school districts heretofore formed or hereafter formed, for the further maintenance of public free schools, and for the erection and equipment of school buildings therein; provided that a majority of the qualified property tax paying voters of the district voting at an election to be held for that purpose shall vote such tax not to exceed in any one year one (\$1.00) dollar on the hundred dollars valuation of the property subject to taxation in such district, but the limitation upon the amount of school district tax herein authorized shall not apply to incorporated cities or towns constituting separate and independent school districts, nor to independent or common school districts created by general or special law."

Section 2. The foregoing constituted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State at an election to be held throughout the State on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1926, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "For the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, eliminating the provision which authorizes the Legislature, to create special school districts," and all those opposed shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "Against the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, eliminating the provision which authorizes the Legislature to create special school districts."
Sec. 3. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have same published as required by the Constitution and existing laws of the State.
Sec. 4. That the sum of two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State of Texas not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of such publication and election.
Approved, April 4, 1925.
Emma Grigsby Meharg,
Secretary of State.
(A Correct Copy.)

The State of Texas,
County of Briscoe.
Be it remembered, that we, the following members of the Bar at Silverton, in Briscoe County, Texas, hereby indorse the Hon. F. L. Hawkins, now member of the Court of Criminal Appeals, and one of the Judges thereof, as a candidate for reelection as such Judge, at the coming election.
This March 12th, 1926.
Ernest Tibbitts,
C. W. Norrid,
C. B. Shrewsbury,
C. D. Wright,
J. E. Daniel.
—Silverton

Sheriff's Notice of Election
The State of Texas, County of Briscoe.
Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 31 day of July 1926, at Rock Creek School House, in Common School District No. 4 of this county as established by order of the County Commissioners Court of date the 15 day of April, 1913, which is of record in book designated "Minutes of Commissioners Court," Vol. 2, on pages 178-9 to determine whether a majority of the legally qualified property tax voters of that district desires to tax themselves for the purpose of supplementing the State School Fund appropriated to said district and to determine whether the commissioners court of this county shall be authorized to levy, assess and collect annually a tax of and at the rate of 100 cents on the \$100 valuation of taxable property in said district for said purpose.
S. J. Ellis, a hearing officer, representing the State School Fund, shall select the time of about four o'clock, p. m., and more in 1923 than

Society

MRS. FRANK BAIN ENTERTAINS WITH GARDEN PARTY

One of the most delightful social affairs of the summer was the garden party given by Mrs. Frank Bain Monday evening, July 5. The Bain lawn, which is perhaps the prettiest in town, was enhanced by many electric lights and a profusion of garden flowers. A number of bowls of tiny gold fish added to the attractiveness of the scene. Upon arrival, the guests were served a delicious punch by Misses Anna Burson and Iris Crawford. Eight tables of 42 were arranged and after the games refreshments of brick cream in colors of pink and white and angel food squares were served. The plate favors were dainty miniature bouquets of sweet peas. The invited guests were: Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Nichols, Ernest Tibbitts, R. E. Douglas, T. R. Whiteside, Miner Crawford, A. R. Castleberry, C. D. Wright, W. M. Gourley, U. M. Meeker, Bob Dickerson, Paul I. Odor, E. C. Fowler, Bland Burson, Dick Cowart, John Bain, Max Crawford, J. S. Fisher, C. L. Dickerson, H. M. Bowers, E. E. Merrell, and Miss Honeycutt.

Mrs. Clifford Allard entertained the primary Sunday School class with a party Friday afternoon from 5 to 7 o'clock.

The hours were spent in games and playing, and for a surprise to the children they were taken to the court house lawn where they were treated with ice cream cones and sandwiches.

The Baptist W. M. S. met Monday afternoon with Mrs. J. R. Fort, in a business and social meeting, with 20 present. After the business meeting a medicine social was enjoyed by all, each found a cure for her disease. Being spiritual illness, our cure was found in God's Word.

This being the time set to start our capsule plan, each lady drew a name not letting any one know whose name she received. This will continue three months, at the close each one tells who her capsule sister is. Now we have all the curiosity that any women ever had to know,—whose Capsule Sister we are.
Lovely refreshments were served.

he shall within five days after said election has been held make due return thereof to the commissioners court of this county as is required by law for holding a general election.

All persons who are legally qualified voters of State and county and who are resident property taxpayers in said district shall be entitled to vote at said election and all voters who favor taxation for school purposes shall have written or printed on their ballots the words:

"For School Tax."
And those opposed to such taxation shall have written or printed on their ballots the words:
"Against School Tax."

Said election was ordered by the County Judge of this county by order made on the 9th day of July, 1926, and this notice is given pursuant of said order.

Dated the 9th day of July, 1926.
C. C. GARRISON
Sheriff, Briscoe Co., Tex.

To the Voters of Briscoe County—
I am making the race for District Attorney this year.

I would be very glad if I could go to each of you and personally ask for your support; but as there are over fourteen thousand voters in this district scattered over seven counties it will be impossible for me to see but a small portion.

Nearly all of you are personally acquainted with me and know my record; those who do not can find out from your neighbors as to my character, and qualifications for the office. I wish to assure each and all of you that I will greatly appreciate your vote and influence, and if elected will do my very best to make you a good District Attorney.

You are entitled to an account of my stewardship while I have held the office of County Judge of this county.

When I went into office on January 1st, 1923, the road and bridge fund was \$10,000.00 in debt, with but small balance in the other county funds. The contracts made by the old Commissioners Court for building and equipping the new courthouse, that had to be met by the county of which I have been the president, necessitated an expenditure of about fourteen thousand dollars a had ever before been

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spent, and the tax income available to meet this additional expense was less than that of 1922. Your commissioners court took hold of this problem, and by the most rigid economy and careful business management, and by the collection of several thousand dollars of back taxes, they have been enabled to meet these payments without raising the county valuation.

To help out the road and bridge fund they asked you to vote an additional tax of 15 cents on the one hundred dollars valuation, to supplement the fifteen cent tax heretofore levied, every cent of the money collected from the R. & B. tax has been placed to credit of that fund and used to pay the debt against it and to maintain and build your roads.

When I went into office all of the Road and Bridge fund of the entire county was together, that fall we divided it and now each commissioners precinct has its own road and bridge account and at the present time, each has a small balance. Your roads are

in better shape than ever before, each precinct has its own equipment and this county is known far and wide for its good roads.

When I went into office nearly all of the schools of the county were in bad financial condition. I have tried to improve them in every way consistent with good business judgment and last fall when they began the present school year there was no school under my control with an overdraft.

With the exception of the fifteen cent special Road and Bridge tax voted for by you almost unanimously, your tax burden has been less the last three years than they were in 1921 and 1922; we have never assessed you for as much as was assessed against you in 1922, the valuation each year I have been in office having been less than in 1922. It would have been much easier for the Commissioners Court to have made a raise in your land values to take care of all of this additional expense, but we would not do it, you have had

since 1923 a commissioners court that deeply felt their obligations to you and we went after the job to save you all that we could, and we have so carefully expended your tax money, that we have been enabled to hold down your taxes; your land values are less than any of your neighbors in adjoining counties.

Mistakes I have made, but they have been errors of judgment only and not from a desire to injure or hurt anyone. I have put in hard work trying to serve you, and as a result my health gave down in 1924-5 as a direct result of overwork and strain; but it is now fully restored to me and I come to you with clean hands asking for your support in my present race, and trust that you can assist me, your home man, in my ambition to further serve you in the capacity of District Attorney. If I am elected, I promise you that I will work hard and do my best to make you a good officer.

Yours very truly,
C. D. WRIGHT.



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