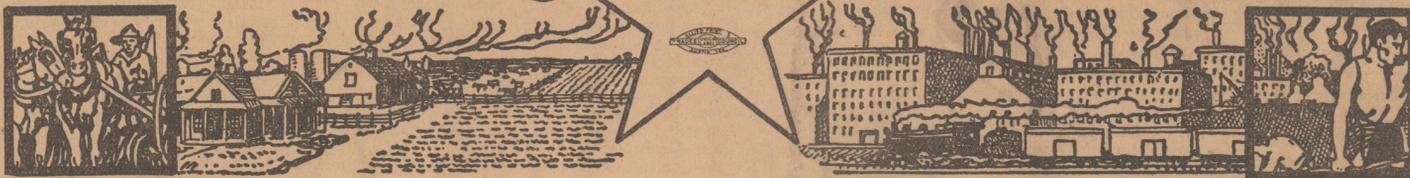


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SHERIFF SALES ARE PREVENTED BY FARMERS

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Aug. 15.—About 400 farmers visited the Charles Bush farm three miles west and one mile south of Merville, Woodbury County, and stopped a sheriff's sale of Bush's personal property to satisfy a judgment that Hellmuth Loschewski had obtained against Bush for \$1,329 for wages.

Neighbors of Bush who made up the crowd elicited a promise from Loschewski that he would make no further effort to collect the judgment.

Lawyer Beaten

CARUTHERSVILLE, Mo., Aug. 15.—A group of farmers today severely beat an attorney for a committee of drainage district bondholders, then watched the owners of 18 farms bid in their property at a public tax sale not attended by the lawyer.

The victim of the attack, Charles L. Waugh, of St. Louis, was knocked unconscious, received four cuts on the head, but after treatment was reported not in a critical condition.

Sheriff S. E. Juden, who conducted the sale following the attack, said Waugh had told him that he could not identify the men responsible for his beating, and that no arrests had been made and no charges filed. About 150 men were in or around the courthouse at the time of the assault.

The tax sale disposed of the 13 farms for about one-tenth of their value, the sheriff explained. One 400-acre tract was bid in at \$178.50. Sale prices adhered closely to the costs in each case.

Waugh, relating the circumstances of the attack, said he was in the sheriff's office on the first floor of the Pemiscot County courthouse, when the officer left to open circuit court in a room on the third floor.

Knocked Unconscious

Later when Waugh sought to follow the sheriff, he said he was accosted by several men in the hallway.

"If you go on with this you are going to get the — beat out of you," he said he was told after he admitted he intended to bid on property at the tax sale.

A moment later, the attorney related, several men seized him and beat him unconscious. Both eyes were discolored, the victim's shirt was torn from his back, and several gashes were cut in his head.

Sheriff Juden said he heard the disturbance, hurried to the first floor of the building and upon observing the attorney on the floor asked "Who did that?"

"After no one answered I asked Waugh if he could identify the men who beat him," the sheriff said, "and he told me he couldn't. After Waugh went to a doctor's office I told him we would hold the sale at 1 p. m. He didn't show up."

Sales of the farms today were made to satisfy tax judgments obtained by drainage districts. Farmers in the area have organized a "tax payers' league" which opposes payment of the drainage district taxes. Members assert county and state taxes have been made on a fair assessment, but that drainage district bondholders refuse to share losses suffered by the farmers in depression years.—San Antonio Express.

TALKING IT OVER WITH THE EDITOR

And All We've Done Is To Print What They've Said

Since the first primary election I have noticed many articles in your paper which tend to ridicule any and everything that Tom Hunter proposes in his candidacy for governor.

Granted your privilege to keep alive the old policy of "personal journalism," it is yet the duty of every newspaper to present at least in its news column, an unbiased and uncolored record of the facts.

Allred's branding Hunter as a "Hitler" and his plan for a cabinet as an attempt to usurp the power from the electorate are both childish and absurd. Authorities of government have long recognized the fact that we have too long a ballot and that we need to centralize authority and thus centralize responsibility. And we have our national governmental cabinet as the pattern for such a reform.

And then the attempt to "brand" Hunter with "Fergusonism" is old stuff, based entirely on prejudice and ignorance. Jim Ferguson has been made a martyr in Texas politics. Just as in France when political scandals are on the verge of exposure the officials bring out a war scare or a spy scare to avert the public mind, so the Texas politicians have used the cry of "Fergusonism" to hide their own misdeeds. I am not defending Ferguson. But if he has erred he was neither the first, nor last, or even principal offender.

Tom Hunter, because of his more mature years and wider experience is more qualified than his opponent to determine our social and economic ills, better able to find a real solution to them, and better able to put such findings into effect.—William Thompson in Dallas Dispatch.

DROUTH DAMAGE IS INCREASING

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—The Department of Agriculture reviewed the drouth and its results today and this is what it said:

That damage up to Aug. 15 exceeded expectations and is much worse than in any previous year on record.

Food supplies for the nation as a whole are ample.

Stocks of bread grains and of several other food products are large.

Production of most canning crops will be about normal.

Fruits and vegetables are fairly abundant outside the drouth area.

The supply of meat, dairy and poultry products will be adequate for the remainder of this year.

Local supplies of certain food crops will be decidedly short in many areas, requiring more than usual shipments from other localities.

Damage to feed, forage and pasture will cause sharp reduction in market supplies of meat and other livestock products in 1935, even if the growing season next year should be normal.

The report said the drouth had not been limited to the United States but was widespread throughout the northern hemisphere, reducing grain production materially and causing serious shortages in Russia, Canada, Northern Mexico, the Yangtze Valley of China and in Australia.

The last crop forecast was Aug. 1, but the report today said prospects for corn and grain sorghum

JUST BEFORE WE VOTE

By Jim, the Editor

The campaign for governor will soon close and Allred stands whipped to a frazzle as the penalty of a candidate without a platform and a campaign without a principle. The only prominent people, (and they are prominent only because of their political rascality), who are now leading the anvil chorus for Jimmie are Tom Love and Atticus Webb. They have raised the cry of Fergusonism as the issue and they, of course, will bolt the ticket when Allred is not nominated. Tom Hunter for a week has been challenging Allred to repudiate his introduction at Amarillo by a henchman who said he would vote the Republican ticket if Tom Hunter was nominated. Dan Moody was thinking about coming out for Allred but he got scared and quit. Top Water Davidson made one feeble effort and he got scared and took out. W. A. Keeling who usually runs with the Moody crowd got ashamed of himself and he won't mention Allred's name. The Allred headquarters in Austin has become a political morgue, and the capitol rats who hoped to have their salaries raised in these hard depression times if Allred is elected, have quit smiling and they have given up the ghost on electing Allred.

By the way, let everybody not forget that one of the issues between Hunter and Allred is that Hunter pledges himself to keep appropriations down to the present level. Allred has agreed with the salary grabbers to raise their salaries to where they were when the Ferguson Administration came in. In other words, Mr. Voter, if you want a salary-raising governor, vote for Allred, and if you want salaries kept down to something like the level of what you have to live on, then vote for Hunter.

As the drouth grows more serious day by day and the relief rolls increase day by day, I want to again call attention to the matter I told the people about weeks ago, about relief being the main issue before the people of Texas today. With the cattle dying in almost every part of the state, and the water supply dwindling to nothing, and the unemployed ranks growing, and the corn burning up, and the cotton crop amounting to nothing, the question of relief and how we are going to get it not only appeals us but alarms every thinking man. Already in the language of the prophet of old the people are beginning to murmur and soon we will hear the cry go out—Lord, oh Lord! Why hast Thou forsaken us in the time of our dire distress? These gruesome facts present the question of who can best serve Texas as governor in this hour of peril.

Allred is already discredited in Washington. When his committee tried to sell the relief bonds, which Allred never raised his voice to help us carry, the National Administrator Hopkins told Allred that he wouldn't give him blankety blank dollar and almost threw him out of the building, and told him at another time that he thought he was thinking more about votes than he was about relief for the people of Texas. If the people of Texas were so foolish as to elect Allred it would add to the horror of the calamities occasioned by our present needed relief. On the other hand, Tom Hunter will have the support and the co-operation of Fergusonism, if you please, during which administration Sixty Nine Million Dollars has been brought to Texas to take care of our suffering people. Washington is going along now advancing money in millions to take care of relief and this will continue during the present Ferguson administration and on through the Hunter administration if the people do their duty and elect him. But if the people should elect Allred next Saturday nobody can tell where the relief program is. In other words, if Allred is elected Texas will have an unfriendly and unworthy and incompetent man to represent their interests at Washington. If Hunter is elected, the reverse will be true and he will be received with open arms. Allred has fought the Administration and as Tom Hunter has charged time and again he has never raised his voice in behalf of the President, and, therefore, Texas could not hope to get more than a mere pittance if it puts an enemy in charge of obtaining federal funds.

Allred has not been with the people for one minute in this hour of depression. He opposed the remission of interest and penalties on taxes up to June 1, 1934, and butted into the enforcement of that law and kept the State from collecting thousands of dollars within the time. The Supreme Court butted him out and held that his contention about the law being unconstitutional was ridiculous.

While there has been much side discussion in the campaign for governor I hope the people will not lose sight of the main issue of the campaign to which I called attention some weeks ago. That issue is the ad valorem tax. Allred condemns and viciously opposes the abolition of the ad valorem tax on the farms and ranches in the country and the homes and real estate in the towns and cities. Hunter strongly advocates this law, and if Allred has his way we can never have any recovery in this country and land values will sink so low that the land companies will own the farms of the country instead of the farmer. As long as these taxes oppress the land owners just so long will the tenant farmer have no hope of any reduction in his rents, and he in the last analysis will be called upon to pay the high taxes in high rents and high interest. Likewise these high taxes will afflict the tenant who has to rent a home in town and he will have to take an extra slice from his pay envelope to pay these taxes on real estate which Allred says he wants to perpetuate. High taxes and high interest have now reached the point where it makes the ownership of real estate by the masses a matter of impossibility, and if we get no relief from these ad valorem taxes on land then soon will our masses become vagabonds upon the face of the earth, and the heights to which we rose as a people and the depths to which we will fall as a nation will be the wonder of the future historians.

Voter, don't forget this issue. Allred put himself on the side of high taxes. Hunter puts himself on the side of low taxes. The very existence and subsistence of you and your family demands that you vote for Hunter.

I am proud to say that the people have heard the call and already the tramp of the overburdened people is heard as they begin the march to the polls next Saturday. As brother to brother, with shield to shield in one mighty phalanx, the people are marching to the fray, and from the highways and the hedges, in the country and from the ramparts of ten thousand labor temples in Texas we will soon hear the proud acclaim of victory for the plain people.

production are ever lower than those on Aug. 1.

"The dry, hot weather during the first 10 days of the month has done more damage than could be offset by the recent rains," the review said.

From present indications, livestock feed available this year will be only about 65 per cent of normal with hay supplies only about 68 per cent of normal, a considerable quantity of which has already been consumed.

The summary indicated that the "rather drastic adjustment" in livestock because of feed shortage might cause expansion of farm administration's livestock purchasing program.

"For the country as a whole it is probable that slaughter of cattle, calves and sheep, during the last six months of the year will greatly exceed that of any other similar period on record," the report said.—San Antonio Express.

Jane: "Was John feeling himself when he called last night?"
June: "NO".

A STATEMENT

I am being asked by scores of people whom I am going to vote for in the Attorney General's race. In answer to these inquiries I will here state that on account of previous controversies, as the record now stands, I can not vote for Senator Woodward and on account of so much Ku Klux agitation and alignment I can not vote for Mr. McCraw.

The people will understand the position in which I am placed and I am sure they will decide that race in their own way.

In the mean time I hope our friends will vote for

TOM HUNTER for Governor.
WALTER WOODUL for Lieutenant Governor.

H. S. LATTIMORE for the Supreme Court.
JOHN PUNDT for Railroad Commissioner.
Boys we have got 'em sure. Be sure to turn out and vote.

JAS. E. FERGUSON.

SALES TAX PROVIDES OKLAHOMA \$4,300,000

OKLAHOMA CITY, Aug. — The State's 1 per cent general sales tax law netted Oklahoma approximately \$4,300,000 in its first year of operation.

The last legislature, which enacted the law, predicted the revenue would reach \$6,000,000 or more.

A tax commission report on collections to Aug. 1, which lacks 10 days of representing sales for one year, showed collections of \$4,210,302 of the total, \$3,347,599 has been apportioned back to counties for school purposes—50 per cent for reduction of ad valorem taxes and 30 per cent for payment of outstanding indebtedness.

Seventeen per cent of the total, or \$711,364 went to the weak school fund.

Collections reached their peak in January when \$423,067 was reported on December sales. Collections for July on June sales amounted to \$385,447.

Defeated Candidates Not Dictating When Announcing a Preference Says Geo. B. Terrell, Houston Post

Alto, Texas, August 14, 1934.

To The Post:

Your editorial in the Post of the 12th, entitled "No Vote Bartering," is entitled to both commendation and criticism. The first paragraph, reading as follows, is to be commended:

"The people of Texas will go to the polls on August 25th and vote like free American citizens for the best interest of Texas. They will not be driven, nor will they allow their votes to be bartered by those who claim to be their leaders."

This is fine, but what about the following:
"Before the echoes of the first primary oratory had died, Small joined the Hunter camp. While he did not directly advise his supporters to follow his lead, his statement obviously was issued for that purpose, since the public certainly could have no interest in his individual preference and his own vote."

"Then C. C. McDonald announced that he had polled his followers and found an overwhelming preference for Hunter, and he too, joined the Hunter camp, and advised his followers to do likewise."

"These men are attempting now to dictate to a third of a million Texas citizens how they shall cast their votes in the run-off."

I see no effort at dictation in merely stating how they will vote in the run-off primary, and as a constant reader of the Post, I protest against this unfair criticism of Small and McDonald. These men made as clean a campaign as I have ever known any men to make, and should be commended for it.

Every intelligent, unbiased voter in Texas was glad to know how the defeated candidates would vote in the run-off primary, and any defeated candidate who is afraid to state his preference for the benefit of his friends, is a political coward. Any candidate in the run-off would be glad to have the support of the defeated candidates and their friends.

These men cannot dictate to their followers, as stated in the first paragraph of the editorial, but their followers are glad to have the benefit of their views, and the criticism against them all comes from those who wanted them to support another candidate.

GEO. B. TERRELL.

TOM HUNTER FOR NEXT GOVERNOR

The Ferguson Forum:
Jimmie Allred says he is a poor man, so poor, indeed, that he has to live in little old cheap house on an unpaved and dusty side street in Austin.

If a man drawing an attorney general's salary as long as he has, and has not been able to accumulate enough to own his own home, and has to live in a rented shack on a dusty by-street it does not speak much for his business abilities. How could the great state of Texas expect anything like a business administration from such a man? Then, too, where does he get all this money to finance his present campaign? Why, they must be enormous. Just think of it, one radio hook-up costing \$8,000 and he has had, and will have had several of them by the end of the campaign. Then add to this the rent of two floors in one of Austin's largest hotels. Then again add to this the expenses of traveling and hotels, printing, telegrams, speakers, tips and incidentals, then explain to us how in the name of high Heaven is a poor man ever to pay for all this when one radio hook-up used up his two years' salary twelve days before the election? This enormous expense has got to be paid somehow, some time, by either or all of several means: money, favoritism, graft or appointments. Even an idiot knows that no man or set of men, or corporations, or combinations, or newspaper or radio companies are going to advance all of this to a poor man without a guarantee of reimbursement in some manner or form.

A "poor" man going into office under such obligations cannot possibly give an honest, fearless or just administration. It just can't be done.

DROUTH SCANT AID TO FARM INCOMES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—The Agriculture Department today saw little possibility for farm income as a whole being raised as a result of the drouth.

"For the country as a whole farm income will probably be but little affected for the rise of prices will largely, if not entirely, offset the reduction in the volume," the report said.

"In the worst drouth-stricken areas, however, the decline of crop and livestock production will be much greater than the rise of prices and such areas have suffered or will suffer a drastic decline in income."

"Other areas where production has not been affected, on the other hand, will benefit from the higher prices."

The department predicted that most grain prices will remain high until late spring or early summer of 1935; that livestock prices probably would remain higher longer because of the slower reaction to drouth, and that cattle prices will show effects of the drouth by remaining at a high level longer than prices of other farm products.—Ex.

The case with Mr. Hunter is entirely different. As I understand it, he is a millionaire, which if so, he is in a position to be independent of entangling obligations because he can do his own financing. Then too, I understand he started on his business career as a poor boy and has accumulated his wealth. This bespeaks well of his business abilities, and his capabilities of giving the great state of Texas not only a sound business administration, but one free of graft and patronage. These are a few of the reasons why Tom Hunter should be elected our next governor.

W. S. DECKER,
125 E. 12th St., Dallas, Texas.

HATCHER ENDORSES PUNDT ASKS SMITH TO RESIGN

DALLAS, Aug. 20.—W. Gregory Hatcher, who finished third in the race for Texas railroad commissioner in the first democratic primary, Monday night endorsed John G. Pundt for election and called upon Chmn. Lon Smith, who is seeking reelection, to resign.

Tom Hunter is sweeping the state to victory. Won't you pass this paper on when you have read it to your neighbor? Won't you ask him to vote for Tom Hunter, the champion of the plain people?

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THE FORUM IS NOT JUST ANOTHER NEWSPAPER—
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WHO LIED?

By Jim, the Editor

The Austin American, an Allred mouthpiece, speaking through its staff writer, Mr. Barry, carries a news item that said that on last Saturday night at Temple Allred scathingly denounced an anonymous circular which said that Allred when District Attorney of Wichita Falls had C. C. McDonald take him to Austin and introduce him to Ferguson whom he asked to influence Mrs. Ferguson during her term in 1924 to appoint Allred's brother, Ben Allred, district attorney succeeding Jimmie Allred who desired to resign. It further quotes Allred as saying that he never made any such request of Mrs. Ferguson and denounced the author of the circular. Allred is further quoted in said paper as saying that the author of said circular was too cowardly to sign his name to that scandalous piece of political hatred.

It is remarkable that any man aspiring to be governor would become so ignorant of the proper conceptions of the high office of governor as to by intentional misrepresentation seek to deceive the people. I have before me the certified copy by the Secretary of State of the official notice of the resignation of James V. Allred and the appointment of his brother Ben P. Allred to fill the unexpired term. This document now on file in the Secretary of State's office reads as follows:

"Executive Department
Austin

Miriam A. Ferguson, Governor August 24, 1925.
Mrs. Emma Grigsby Meharg, Secretary of State
Austin, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Meharg:

On July 1st Honorable James V. Allred, District Attorney of Wichita Falls, resigned as Attorney and Governor Ferguson that day appointed his brother, Ben P. Allred, to fill the unexpired term. I am writing you so your files will be complete.

Yours very truly,
GHENT SANDERFORD,
Secretary to the Governor."

Official entries in the Secretary of State's office further show that Ben P. Allred of Wichita Falls was appointed on July 1, 1925 and that he was confirmed by the Senate on September 15, 1926. "In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused to be impressed hereon the Seal of State at my office in the City of Austin this 20th day of August, A. D. 1934. A. B. Curtis, Assistant Secretary of State."

This official record bears out my statement in the Forum last week that Allred had sought the aid of myself and McDonald in getting the Governor to appoint his brother to fill out his unexpired term.

If the reader will just refer back to the official notice by the Governor's Secretary of the appointment of Mr. Allred the perjury of his attempt to deny same will appear. This record of the Secretary states that James V. Allred resigned on July 1st and on that day the Governor appointed his brother Ben P. Allred, to fill the unexpired term of James V. Allred of course. In other words, there could have been no appointment of Ben Allred without the resignation of James V. Allred, and when he did resign he did so in the Governor's office because the certificate of the Secretary states that the Governor appointed Ben P. Allred that day that James V. Allred was in the office of the Governor.

The question then arises, how could any of this procedure have taken place without the original request of James V. Allred.

A man must be in desperate straits who would deny the official favors that he received at the hands of his friends upon whom he subsequently turns his back when he happens to want an office. Allred thought that Jim Ferguson and Fergusonism was a big thing when he wanted the Fergusons to appoint his brother to office to aid him in getting started to make a living as a young lawyer. The thanks I get now is that he wants to put me out of the National Commitment's place after I helped him get started as a young lawyer. This young rooster thought he could go on off to Temple and make a last minute denial of my charges, and he could then say he had denied my statement but fortunately the newspapers gave it a wide publicity.

I might in the heat of this campaign use a lot of harsh language and call people names, but this is no time to appeal to temper. It is a time for reconsecrating ourselves to the truth. Therefore, I will desist from any intemperate remarks and close this statement by asking the voter to read the record and then in his own way answer the question of who lied.

PUNDT AND SMITH

Pundt has punted Smith out of the race. Though afflicted with injuries received in a wreck John Pundt has fought uphill in this campaign so valiantly and so bravely as to arouse the sympathy and the admiration of the people everywhere as he struggled on in the campaign. He has carried his campaign to all parts of the State, and though unknown he has spoken fearlessly and intelligently in a way to enlist the support of hundreds of thousands of Texas voters, and it looks like now he has the best chance to win.

The people have made up their minds that they want a change and they have determined that it is bad policy to keep some men in office thirty-four years and permit him to draw over two hundred thousand dollars from the public treasury. This matter being called to the voters' attention they have realized that such a policy would mean denying chance and opportunity for their children who might have to wait for somebody to die before they could get an office.

The spectacle of three hundred and fifty railroad commission automobiles at the taxpayers expense for gasoline running wildly all over this State and neglecting their duty has become a ridiculous and indefensible episode in Texas politics and the people have made up their minds that they are going to have a change on the Railroad Commission. Let the people turn out and vote for John Pundt and thereby say that you want to give your children a chance to hold a high office without having to wait for somebody to die.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Texas newspaper politics put a fast one by Ripley's "Believe it or not" last week when the Dallas News and Star Telegram staged an editorial war over Gov. Jim Ferguson.

We hear the most freakish stories about Texas weather, buried treasures, haunted houses and two legged quadrupeds but never before has Texas politics produced such ludicrous humor, if there is such a thing. Evidently the wrath of the Star Telegram became uncontrollable when it discovered the Dallas News had written a dirtier, meaner and more putrid editorial about Governor Jim than it had been capable of thinking up. This kind of jealousy might prove beneficial to all Texas if a few more of these big subsidised daily papers would join this little north Texas war and end it up by busting this newspaper trust in Texas. Anyway, the Dallas News and Star Telegram produced the real comedy of errors of the year which has added thousands of votes to Tom Hunter's cause.

ROY SANDERFORD.

THE DALLAS NEWS GOES ASTRAY

(Excerpts From Editorial in Fort Worth Star Telegram)

Our distinguished contemporary, the Dallas News, which found it expedient in the first primary campaign not to make a choice among candidates, now elects the extraordinary course of opposing certain men for no other reason than that Jim Ferguson says he is for them. This course, although doubtless more flattering to Mr. Ferguson than the News intended, actually amounts to a surrender by the News on its own behalf, and an invitation to the people of Texas to surrender, all rights to choose state officers on the basis of their own qualifications. "If Jim Ferguson says he is for a man, vote against him," is in effect the position of the News. It is a position as illogical as would be its converse—that of voting for a man simply because Jim Ferguson was for him.

The News, by its unwise trust in Jim to show it the way not to go, is really putting itself in his hands. If Jim were all the News seems to suspect, he would be perfectly capable of giving it a bum stree. Even Mr. Ferguson might be right sometimes when it comes to catsing just about the only vote he really controls—his own—and if the News is going to go always in the direction opposite to that taken by Jim it may suddenly find itself out on a limb. At any rate, the News can not with good grace ask the people of Texas to follow it when it confesses that the direction in which it leads is determined by another, if only negatively.

It is a pity that the editors of the News, who ordinarily have held out for high standards in all matters pertaining to the judiciary, should depart so far from their own ideals as to encourage dragging down to the level of brawling politics the matter of filling so important office as justice of the Supreme Court. The disservice the News has done to the ideal of the bench is all the more marked because both of the candidates for Supreme Court justice are able and experienced jurists and worthy gentlemen in all respects. Judge Latimore, whose long service as district judge have been further cemented by his experience on the bench of the Second Court of Civil Appeals, has the confidence of bench and bar, as has Judge Sharp. The News, inadvertently, it is to be hoped, does him an undeserved injustice, and through him a disservice to all the honorable and able men who make up our judiciary, when it implies that a candidate for the highest bench should be denied support because he receives the ballot of one voter.

IS ALLRED A WOLF IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING?

From a copyrighted article by James McMullin (McClure Newspaper Syndicate) that great national political writer, today, August 15, 1934, I quote "New York observers would not be surprised to see a conservative Democratic ticket put into the field in 1936 in an effort to defeat Roosevelt. It would closely parallel the Palmer Buckner candidacy of 1896 which had no chance of winning but helped to kill off Bryan. The groundwork is already being laid in the south. A bitter battle is brewing behind the scenes for control of the southern Democratic Party. Similar attempts to promote a split in Democratic ranks are under way on a smaller scale in other parts of the country. Those who should know say that the undercover struggle is most intense in sections where the utilities have the strongest friends. Some of them rate it a matter of life and death. The stakes are big enough to justify their most strenuous efforts."

Is Allred their tool in the present Governor's race? He lost his \$17,000,000 oil suit. He lost the Lone Star Gas Company rate suit. Were these suits filed in good faith or were they fake suits filed to deceive the people? He appointed E. A. Berry, the chief lobbyist in Texas for years of Andrew Mellon and the Gulf Company, to a receivership and paid him more than \$17,000 in cash fees—Mellon is Roosevelt's arch enemy. He left the Pure Oil Company out of his big suit and the Pure is owned by the Dawes family, all Republicans and sworn enemies of our great President.

Vast sums of money appeared in Texas in the present campaign for Allred exactly in point of time with the nationwide announcement of the Republican party that the New Deal would be accepted as the national issue in the present and 1936 campaigns.

The Governor nominated August 25 will be in office when delegates to the National convention will be selected and when the fight to deprive President Roosevelt of his second term will be waged.

Dan Moody was such a Governor in 1928 and permitted Hoover to carry Texas and he is now supporting Allred. Ross Sterling headed the Hoover committee in Houston and is now active for Allred. For nearly four years Allred has been Attorney General and has been in the papers almost every day and yet I will pay \$100 to the Community Chest or other designated charity to the town or city which can produce the files of a daily, semi-weekly, or weekly newspaper or magazine quoting any words from Allred from March 4, 1933, the day Roosevelt was inaugurated, up to Aug. 1st, 1934, which he publicly commends Roosevelt personally or endorses any phase of the national program for recovery and prosperity, and this may include any commencement addresses, many of which he has delivered, if he has ever held the President up before the youth of the land as a worthy leader. Let all the newspaper offices in Texas now search for one word of praise and I do not care which city or town wins the prize. I know this is a startling challenge but it is open to all Texas.

Can Oil Companies, Utilities, Republicans, and International Wall Street Bankers buy again the Governor's office in Texas so soon after the sad experience of our people when they bought it for Moody and Sterling, and can they hand Texas to the Republican party in 1936, and have they promised to defeat Senator Sheppard and to elect Allred U. S. Senator in 1936? Let the question be answered on August 25 by Democrats whom money cannot buy and whom a subsidized press cannot control and let us elect a true friend of our great President, one who will neither desert him nor double cross him, that real Commoner, Tom Hunter.

Cut this article out, put it in your scrap book and save it until 1936.

C. C. McDONALD.

P. S.—Allred is getting so desperate that he is now denying that he asked me to introduce him to the Fergusons and get them to agree to appoint his brother Ben Allred in his place if he resigned. I am greatly surprised that he would do himself such a great injustice. He ought to be ashamed of himself and apologize.

ALLRED'S NEW-OLD ISSUE

(Editorial In Austin Dispatch)

Now Mr. Allred is asking the voters to elect him governor in order to get rid of "Fergusonism." Having tried out one new issue after another, he has decided apparently, to stake his candidacy upon an old and threadbare issue.

James E. Ferguson supported C. C. McDonald for governor. His candidate was eliminated in the first primary. It was then necessary for him, as for every other Democratic voter, to choose between the two men left in the race. He chose Mr. Hunter instead of Mr. Allred. Senator Small had made the same choice before him. Mr. McDonald had made the same choice. None of the candidates eliminated in the first primary had chosen Mr. Allred. So far as the public knows, none of the eliminated candidates is now supporting Mr. Allred.

Mr. Ferguson, in this instance, was a follower rather than a leader. A great many of his friends had announced their support of Mr. Hunter before Mr. Ferguson announced his own decision. He had been disappointed in the outcome of the first primary and made no attempt to conceal his disappointment. He had not wanted to support either Allred or Hunter. But he had to support one or the other or "go fishing" on election day. The latter course, in view of his position as a prominent Democrat, would have been decidedly unsportsmanlike.

Mr. Hunter had invited the supporters of all the eliminated candidates to join forces, at the same time declaring that he had no trades to make and that he was standing, in the run-off, for precisely the same platform which he had advocated in the first primary. This call for support is the ground—and apparently the only ground—for the Allredian charge that Mr. Ferguson was "invited into the Hunter camp." Mr. Hunter invite all Democrats to rally to his standard and Mr. Ferguson was among those who answered the call. If these developments created an issue of "Fergusonism" then that issue must arise again and again in the future. For it is certain that candidates for office will continue to call for the support of the people generally and that Mr. Ferguson will continue to exercise his right, as a citizen, to support the candidates of his choice and to make known the fact that he is supporting them.

When the first primary result showed Allred and Hunter in the run-off, many citizens were heard to say that the old Ferguson and anti-Ferguson fight was over and that the voters could now pay attention to new problems and real issues. But Mr. Allred will not have it so. He insist upon keeping the old feud alive. Instead of the leadership of a united Democracy, alert to the demands of the present, he seeks that of a faction facing the past and animated by the bitterness of ancient conflicts. He would be chosen, not by voters stirred to enthusiasm by a forward-looking program, but by voters burning with prejudice against an aging man who seeks no office at their hands and against their fellow citizens who have supported that man in the past.

It is obvious that the election of Mr. Allred, upon the issue he has chosen, would not eliminate the so-called "Ferguson question," but would keep it very much alive for two to four years.

THE REASON WHY

(By FRED W. DAVIS)

No one will deny the people are generally bankrupt and many are in dire want. And no one should forget that this condition was not brought on by the drought-but developed in the midst of universal plenty. To remedy such conditions should be the chief theme of both candidates for governor. If the voters have not familiarized themselves with both the contentious and platforms of the two candidates for governor they owe it to themselves and the state to do so.

I am for Tom Hunter for governor for the following positive reasons:

He favors the abolition of the poll tax as a right to vote, requiring only a small registration fee.

The abolition of the ad valorem tax for state purposes.

Placing an adequate tax on valuable franchises, big incomes, the exploiters of our natural resources, etc.

Taking all the burdens of road building off the farms and ranches, and making all pay according to the use they make of the roads.

A selective sales tax on such luxuries as will reflect the buying power of the people above actual necessities.

I endorse Hunter for governor for the following negative reasons:

His opponent is conducting a campaign of prejudice and petty quibbling—"Fiddling while Rome burns."

Instead of bearing down upon a program (if he has any) to relieve our appalling economic condition he has spent most of his time since the first primary in trying to prove Hunter is for a general sales tax and made a political trade with Ferguson.

As to the sales tax contention Allred fell down completely, even if we take the much talked of letter at its face value. The letter he offers as proof Hunter favors a sales tax bears a date which rules it out of court. All that can possibly be claimed is that Hunter intimated in November 1932, when seeking a means of finding state revenues, he would not oppose a sales tax. But months later it is known by all who wish to know that he did actively and publicly oppose a sales tax, going to the trouble and expense of coming to Austin during the regular session of the legislature to do so. The last stand made repeatedly before the public is the only evidence any lawyer would offer in court.

The voters must not forget that the much exploited sales tax letter was written to Mr. Allred, himself, who seems to have accepted its principles. At least he made no protest in reply and failed to join Hunter and others in their opposition to the sales tax when it was before the legislature. If Allred depended upon a sober appeal instead of ballyhoo for votes he would have steered shy of the sales tax question because he is the candidate who never washed his hands of the subject.

As to Fergusonism, Allred is equally illogical. There were but two candidates for governor representing the Ferguson-Anti-Ferguson division in our state politics. C. C. McDonald represented the Ferguson wing, and Jimmy Allred the Anti-Ferguson wing. Hunter gathered enough of the conservative votes to get in the run-off primary. Now Allred, the other partisan, tells the voters that since they have eliminated one side of the controversy the way to get rid of it altogether is to elect himself who represents the other side.

The negative side of any controversy is just as much a part of it as is the positive side. The only way to eliminate the Ferguson issue is to eliminate Allred and elect Hunter. But Jimmie cries Hunter made a trade. Traded for what? Allred and the big dailies that are for him (without having made any trade of course) say Ferguson's support has turned the tide against Hunter. Immediately upon Ferguson's announcement for Hunter, Allred trounced upon it as a possible political advantage to himself. He intimates he would have spurned Ferguson's support. Yet, insists his opponent was unwise enough to trade for a political liability.

Is there a voter in Texas so dumb he does not know that had Ferguson announced for Allred instead of Hunter they would have made the same to do over it as they did when Bobbitt switched? It all goes back to the egotistical position that if it is for me it just can't be wrong, but if it is for Hunter it just can't be right!

It is this superior attitude that justifies the Allred slush fund, the Allred support by big business, including the major oil interests, in the minds of his partisans. It took no sort of trade or compromise to get the support of the fellows that Allred proscribed to the tune of seventeen million dollars—Oh, no! They are merely dumb or have learned to love him. That they were dead against him two years ago for Attorney General but wish

now to see him promoted to the governorship should not arouse any suspicion according to the Allred standard.

Of all candidates for governor who should have presented his own program for state rehabilitation and stood by it Allred is the one. First he owes it to the people to demonstrate he is of sufficient mature mind to make a good governor. And second, the volume and source of his financial support should cause him to not throw any rocks. People are liable to suspect the man who is always talking about political deals.

HUNTER WILL SWEEP EAST TEX.

(By MAX W. HART)

Nacogdoches, Texas, Aug. 22, 1934.

Editor Forum:

Please permit me to state thru your good paper that Allred led Hunter 408 votes in Nacogdoches County in the July primary, and that Hunter will carry the county over Allred by not less than 800 majority on August 25, and that Hunter further will make the same proportionate gains in all surrounding counties, watch the returns. Mr. Voter be not deceived for plain Tom Hunter is the true friend of all honest toilers and the dreaded foe of crooked business. The united columns of predatory wealth, as well as those who would republicanize and commercialize the Democratic party for private gain are arrayed against Mr. Hunter in this contest, and despite the fact that the big daily papers which are owned body and soul by the corporate and special interest are giving Allred much publicity and Hunter very little, aside from the labored efforts of their editors in Allred's behalf, Hunter is going to sweep Texas August 25, and his majority is going to be astounding. Go to the polls next Saturday boys, go early and take your good wives and friends, and when you do we shall march to a grand and glorious victory by winning the greatest political achievement ever won in the greatest Democratic State in the greatest Nation on the face of the earth, and at the same time re-dedicate our fealty to the perpetuity of this good republic with a sincere hope of bringing some relief to the vast multitude who labor and suffer under the yoke of corporate oppression to the end that race may be free and equal, special privileges abolished and opportunities left open evenly for all.

THE HIRED HAND'S COLUMN

By I. B. ALFORD

THE PRIORITY OF LABOR

It was Abraham Lincoln who said: "Labor is prior to capital." But Lincoln was not the first economist to announce this fact.

At the beginning: When only man was; when there were no farms or factories, orchards or vineyards; when the great wide world, unfinished and unsubdued, invited Man to its conquest; Jehovah God said to the Man: "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread."

This the first announced law of economics, bear the stamp of Divine approval; and any custom not in accordance with this equitable principle is against Nature, and an affront to the author of this law. Any tribunal that fails to recognize this equitable principle, and which refuses to enforce the mandates of this law, must fall because of its own inharmonious instability. The nations of earth are today in confusion, the people, world wide, are in dire distress, because of failure to subscribe to and abide by this just principle. All codes not in harmony with this divinely authorized code are inequitable, and their projects are doomed.

Because the nations of earth have rejected this just principle, and have substituted therefor the inequitable, the pernicious custom of interest—usury—by which substituted custom a few people, in violation of this first announced law of economics, "who neither toil nor spin," but may and do lay unjust tribute on, and take from those whose "sweat of face" humanity is fed and clothed, and—

Because the world today fails to recognize the "handwriting on the wall" announcing the "Time of the end" of this devilish custom, and persists in perpetuating, in open defiance of the Priority of Labor, its worn out, threadbare, top-heavy, impossible system, they are headed for "the last round-up." If you don't believe this, wait and see the show, "just around the corner."

CERTIFICATES OF CREDIT

According to Lincoln, as quoted above, labor is prior to capital. In the present discussion we drop the word capital and use instead the term wealth. Labor, therefore, is prior to wealth. As labor is the cause so is wealth the effect. Labor is the means wherein wealth is the end sought. Wealth, therefore, is wholly dependent on labor.

It follows, moreover, that wealth belongs to him whose labor produced the wealth. This fact establishes beyond controversy the right of private or individual ownership of property. And the law of compensation in protecting and preserving this right in favor of one who acquires by purchase any property sustains this right.

With these thoughts in mind we now call up for further consideration the money question. And permit me to say in passing that these thoughts are being presented from time to time only for the benefit of readers who can and will revive the once popular habit of thinking for themselves. To those who clamor for an idol to lead or drive them through the still impending fogs lowering over every point of the horizon, we make no vain appeal. Nor are we wasting any effort in an attempt to raise a controversy with "stall fed economists" who insist on adhering to the rules committed to memory from their made-to-order text books on the currency question.

In our opinion one of the most sensible and logical discussions extant on the money question is that contained in the "New Philosophy of Money" by A. B. Westrup. In this discussion it is clearly shown that money is credit. This credit is made available by the borrower's depositing with the banker gilt edge security which, in the opinion of the banker, is "as good as gold." Westrup shows that if the banker did not believe the security as good as gold he would not accept the security as a satisfactory basis for transferred credit. The banker does accept it, however, and on the basis of security, or wealth, put in escrow by the borrower, permits a transfer of the bank's credit to his customer to be used by him.

Now let us not forget that this credit which the banker allows his customer to use in a stipulated amount was wholly sustained by the security put up by the customer.

But this security is sustained by wealth against which the banker holds a lien. And we note from the statements introductory to this article that labor is prior to wealth. Then it follows that if credit—money—can be made available on wealth as a basis for such money, credit may logically be issued in lieu of labor which is the foundation of all wealth. That is to say, certificates of credit based on labor, the foundation stone of all economies, would constitute an equitable system for issuing money.

We repeat with emphasis that if certificates of credit may be issued on tangible wealth as a safe collateral (and no sane person can dispute the equity of such a system) then certificates of credit may and should be issued on labor the foundation of all wealth.

A succeeding article will show how labor may be standardized in the establishment of a labor unit as the basis for exchange.

HOUSTON POST ON THE MAT

Flaton, Texas, Aug. 17, 1934.

The Houston Post, Houston, Texas. Gentlemen:

Your editorial in issue of Aug. 15, "Prophet in his own Country" is amusing to the man who has been keeping up with you newspaper men.

Let us keep the records straight. Tom Hunter received more votes than either of his opponents in Wichita county in the last primary, he beat them in the city of Wichita, and in the precinct where he and Mr. McDonald and Alled lives, Hunter came within a few votes of getting a majority over them all. Why don't you play the game fair and tell the people of these facts?

Why don't you tell the people that Lon Smith has been sucking a public teat for 39 years? Why don't you tell the people that this same Lon Smith has wrung from the pockets of the honest taxpayer of Texas more than two hundred thousand dollars since he has had his nose in the public feed trough? Why don't you tell the people that Lon Smith is 70 years old, entirely too old to render public service?

Why don't you tell the people that William McCraw carried more than two hundred counties in Texas in his race for Attorney General? Why don't you tell the people that every big newspaper in Texas is fighting William McCraw, yet he led in the race and will be elected to the most important office in the state?

Why don't you tell the people that you gave one thousand dollars to the support of Joe Bailey, Jr., in his race against Sen. Connally and Connally defeated him two hundred and eleven thousand votes?

Why don't you tell the people that way back yonder in 1912 you yelled and ballahood for Jake Wolters in the race for the U. S. Senate against Morris Shepherd, and Wolters was snowed under by an overwhelming majority? Why don't you tell the people that you tore your shirt for Ross Sterling against Mrs. Ferguson and he was defeated by a woman, at the end of his second year? The writer does not know of but one man who you supported in a campaign for state office who really was elected, and that was in 1908 when O. B. Colquitt defeated R. V. Davidson and others in the race for Governor.

There was a time when the principle business of the American press was the publication of important news and the expression of opinion on matters of moment. In those days it posed as an "impartial educator" and the self-bestowed title was not altogether inappropriate; but it has, for the most part, dropped its high pretensions and is now notoriously "out for the stuff." The "great dailies" that once went in for glory and aspired to decency, that would mould public opinion, and "saved the country," semi-occasionally, are not averse to accepting a fat fee for championing some particular interest regardless of the general welfare. When it was proven that one of the big dailies had sold its alleged editorial influence it had the audacity to defend the practice as legitimate journalism. A majority of the other papers in Texas are not of sufficient importance to justify the public in keeping tabs on them. If they should succeed in selling their souls for a copper cent the public would only pity the purchaser.

When the "great dailies are not courting the pervesnes—who are ever ready to pay for publicity—puffing society bells for a consideration obsequiously bowing to cyming-headed dudes with more dollars than brains, and gathering in the golden shekels from every available source, they are "pulling the leg" of some corporation with a legislative ax to grind, or inflating with a pneumatic bellows some political boimel born of a bank account, who wants to SAVE THE COUNTRY FOR DEMOCRACY.

Tom Hunter will defeat Alled seventy-five thousand majority. Lon Smith will be defeated by fifty thousand majority. William McCraw will win by fifty thousand majority. John Sharp will also be defeated by a large vote. Let the people rule.

Yours truly, N. C. MILLER, A Taxpayer.

WITH APOLOGIES to SHAKESPEAR

Some Texas political drama staged in a room in the Austin Hotel the third day following the first primary.

Characters: Jimmie Alled, candidate for Governor. Major Parten, a citizen of Louisiana, chief hot oil runner of Texas, advisor and financial backer of Alled's campaign. First, Second and Third advisors and campaign workers.

1st ACT. SCENE ONE.

Major Parten, alone: (sour and disgruntled because Alled made such a poor showing after he had spent \$100,000 from the hot oil boys).

Enter the three advisors. Advisors: Hello Major.

Major Parten: Cut the salutations and listen to me.

1st Advisor: What's trouble, Major?

Major Parten: Trouble, hell. You damn ratty politicians told me Jimmie would win over the field if I would dump that last \$30,000 in the pot for a grand finale.

2nd Advisor: But Major—

Major Parten: Don't but me. I can show you counties where I dumped enough money to buy 'em in fee simple, and still Jimmie ran third. I'm thru.

ENTER JIMMIE.

Jimmie: Hello men.

Major Parten: Hello Napoleon.

Jimmie: Lay off that stuff. Why Napoleon?

Major Parten: Because by G— you have met your Waterloo. 3rd Advisor laughs.

Jimmie: Cut the comedy and let's get to figuring. Look's like the swing is pretty solid toward Hunter.

1st Advisor: General, I contacted one of McDonald's men and he reports that we haven't got a chance to line him and Jim Ferguson up.

2nd Advisor: What did they say?

1st Advisor: Said they weren't lining up with anybody till the campaign opened and they saw what kind of platform you and Hunter had to offer the people.

Jimmie: To hell with Ferguson and McDonald. If we can't get 'em with us we'll fight 'em. That will get us a few votes anyway.

3rd Advisor: That's what Dan Moody did.

Major Parten: What about Small and Witt?

Jimmie: . . . I charged every legislator with being a crook and used Small and Witt as the outstanding examples. I'll swear I thought I would lead that ticket 175,000.

Major Parten: We know we got Hughes, but that don't mean but one vote.

Jimmie: . . . We ought to have him; we hired him to run and then to pay him again to stay in.

Major Parten: If I've got to finance this run-off, I want to know where you going to get the vote.

Jimmie: . . . If you'll put up another \$100,000 with what I can get other places and the trades I can make, I'll really show old Hunter who Mr. Alled is.

1st Advisor: Can we hold the underworld vote we got in the first primary?

Jimmie: . . . Hold 'em? If they don't stick to their trade I'll padlock every gambling house and saloon they got in Texas.

3rd Advisor: How about the highway vote?

Major Parten: Why, hell! Have you been asleep all this time? I got to Dan Moody and we pulled a double cross on old Clint Small and got all that vote before, except John Wood and a handful that went to McDonald.

2nd Advisor: We didn't get near all the church vote before.

Jimmie: . . . Don't worry. I'll give that bunch a brush arbor

speech this time that will get every damn one of 'em.

Major Parten: But I want to know where we can add enough votes to cinch this race.

Jimmie: . . . I'll tell you what I've done and what I got in mind.

Major Parten: . . . Shoot.

Jimmie: . . . I got the Moody-Sterling bunch by promising them the highway department and to give Dan himself the National Democratic Committee place after throwing old Jim Ferguson out.

1st Advisor: For Christ's sake, keep that covered. That bunch would ruin you if the people knew they're for you.

Jimmie: . . . Don't worry. And I have made several deals on other nice appointments that will bring cash and votes both. But here is the big thing, and I already have the ball rolling and that is just this: Sell out to the Republican party and we'll get 75,000 votes that didn't even go in the first primary.

3rd Advisor: Oh, boy, oh boy!

Jimmie: . . . Wait, that ain't near all. My contact with Andrew Mellon thru the Gulf Oil Company will give us plenty money right out of Wall Street.

Major Parten: Well, General, I hand it to you. You know your politics and by the way, since there is some talk about me being connected with the campaign, I changed my address on the Hotel Register from Shreveport, Louisiana to Houston, Texas. Jimmie: . . . Major, you're not such a bad politician yourself must be a relative of Huey Long.

(All laugh).

Major Parten: Now, fellows, I've decided to see this thru at any cost. I got one more requirement: I want you birds to dig up everything you can on Tom Hunter and if you can't find anything, then make up something, a lie, or just anything to tear him down.

Jimmie: . . . You boys get it, and I'll use it, and How?

CURTAIN

THE TEXAS CENTENNIAL

(By SAM H. CANTRELL)

A nation can have its beginning from small sources which are courageous irresistible and compelling. The week beginning August 13, has been selected by our governor for Texas people to become Texas minded.

From Washington County Texas came the announcement that ushered in a great state. A group of forefathers met to decide a question in destiny. Their faith had been betrayed, their lives were threatened, their homes were to be transformed into virtual slavery, their necessities were to be taxed excessively, only to maintain an army of idle soldiery, and to be placed at the mercy of Mexican convicts from penal institutions.

From the piney woods of East Texas to the grassy plains on the west, from the shifty meandering Red River on the north to the sandy beaches of the Gulf on the south, the note of an awakening sounded. The fierce Comanches of the wooded sections heard the note, the long riding Apache of the plains tuned his ear to the sound.

Lands were sparsely settled and word by mouth was slow in reaching a people who had but meagre transportation facilities. First the home fires must be provided for, then duty at the front would be in order.

After many difficulties in attempts to organize our forefathers staged a number of engagements and taught their adversaries to respect their courage even though their numbers were small. The struggle continued on in a heartbroken way until the town of San Antonio was wrested from the hands of the Mexicans by a valor and daring unparalleled in history. Mexico rallied its hosts of soldiery and camped before the Alamo. The story of the fall of the Alamo has often been told, yet each telling stirs the nobleness in the hearts of hearers for victims unforgettable. The fall of the Alamo lit a torch that blazed before the eyes of all civilized peoples who love liberty, valor, fairness.

In the wake of the tragedy at the Alamo came the massacre at Goliad which has no parallel, except in instances of barbaric times. Brave men went down that a nation and state might be born where courage, valor, nobleness command the deepest respect.

When a Mexican host felt supreme in an insatiable power, when a toil weary army of distressed, frightened men, women and children were fleeing over burning sands and through cloudbursts of rains, over swollen streams and through wooded paths as dense as jungles, when crops were left to be ravaged and to moulder into dust, houses and furnishings were left to be at the mercy of thieves who might choose to destroy by plunder or by fire, a small army of Texan soldiery camped on a stream to oppose with the strength of superhuman beings the further oncoming of an enemy drunk with power. The battle of San Jacinto was another event that ushered in another nation to the Hall of Fame.

Once more the trek of a fugitive people was started toward deserted homes and firesides. Where once the Comanche was at liberty to raid at will homes, gardens, and fields, now he learned to respect the courage and valor of a worthy people and has long since passed from the picture. Where once transportation was want to use the cumbersome ox-cart with its grumbling wheels, ransplitting snaps from flashing whips, and plodding oxen, now steam and motor cars flash a speed wonderful carrying tons and tons of freight; where once the pine tree mourned and spoke to each other in sighs, now mills dot the landscapes turning out beautiful grained timbers for building purposes; where once pine burrs nestled with needles puncturing the earth, now derricks top the surface extending long pipes into the interior to draw out black gold; where once Lafitte held sway with his pirate band of cut-throats, now a city stands blooming before the rushes of oncoming waves; where once the Indian paddled his bark canoe, now ocean steamers come and go playing a commerce rich and great; where once deer floated from spot to spot in graceful jumps, now sheep in fleecy soft white wool on a wool that clothes world; where once wild ponies and longhorn cattle raced and stampeded, now cities blazon from inventive skill, streets are as smooth as ribbons, and roads to and from a perfect network.

Fathers who gave Texas birth could not vision the transformation that has occurred. And it is to be wondered if our citizens today vision the steps in the transformation. Such an understanding must be gained by knowledge of the past and present. Man cannot live by bread alone but he must live by the fruition of works.

DEAN KYLE SOUNDS RIGHT KEYNOTE

E. J. Kyle, dean of the school of agriculture at Texas A. & M. College, sounded the right keynote at the opening session of the twenty-fifth annual farmers' short course at that institution, when he declared that there is no more vital question before the people of Texas than that of the future commercial policy of the United States. "If we continue our present foreign policy, or lack of policy," said Dean Kyle, "we are practically certain to lose the bulk of our cotton export trade in the next five or ten years or possibly sooner."

Dean Kyle then told his hearers what the loss of our export market for cotton would mean. "If we lost our export trade," he said, "we would have to reduce cotton acreage to between 6,000,000 and 8,000,000 acres. What could we do with the other 6,000,000 or 8,000,000 acres formerly devoted to cotton? Experiments of nearly a century clearly show that there is no other crop to take the place of cotton in Texas. I am convinced that we are rapidly approaching a supreme crisis in regard to our future agricultural program. This crisis rests largely upon whether we shall adopt a nationalistic or internationalistic policy for agriculture; whether we shall produce only enough for our needs or shall produce a surplus for export. This is one of the most vital questions ever placed before Texas people. There are no two sides to the question for Texas; we must continue to

export our agricultural surpluses, especially cotton."

Dean Kyle outlined a program which he said should be put in effect without delay. Here it is: Excessive tariffs on manufactured goods must be reduced; Texas must return as soon as possible to an acreage of 14,000,000 or 15,000,000 acres in cotton, 12,000,000 if marginal land is retired; growers must learn to grow cotton for a reasonable profit on a price of 10 cents to 12 cents a pound, because this is about the only way to meet world competition; cotton production efficiency must be increased through better cultural methods, and artificial barriers erected by the American Government against the production of cotton must be eliminated.

Dean Kyle pointed out that no nation ever was prosperous on a policy of curtailed production. Instead of curtailing production we should be promoting consumption by removing barriers and reducing costs. The tariff policy of the United States has always penalized the cotton farmer by compelling him to buy in a closed market while he sold in an open market. "The result has been," he said, "to reduce farmers to a state bordering on peasantry, and now the tariff threatens to take away from them the last vestige of their export trade which undoubtedly would reduce them to the status of a European peasant."

We say this was the right keynote for the opening session of the farmers' short course because we have reached the point where it is more important for the farmers to learn things like this than it is for them to learn anything else. The attendance at the farmers' short course was about 5,000, and those who attended will reach many others. We wish that all the cotton farmers in the South could have the gist of Dean Kyle's address dinned into their ears until they understood the situation they are facing. Secretary Wallace told a Dallas audience last May that this is the greatest need of the present time. He warned the farmers not to be lulled into a sense of security by improved conditions. "What is needed above all," he said, "is a better understanding by the mass of the people of the realities of economics facing the cotton area in the future. There must be greater immunity among the mass of the people from the hell-raising proivities of the political demagogue thirsting only for power." And he said that in Texas especially there is such a need. "Texas," he declared "producing one-third of the cotton crop of the country, and one-half of the cotton exported, can't escape the fact that it is tied up with foreign purchasing power."—The Texas Weekly.

HORACE WALKER ANSWERS ALLRED'S LIES

The letter set out below was received from Horace Walker, Secretary of the Revenue and Taxation Committee during the last session of the legislature and which letter proves that Mr. Alled is wrong in his charge that Tom Hunter supported a general sales tax.

Austin, Texas, Aug. 20, 1934. 300 West 15t,

Hon. Tom Hunter, Wichita Falls, Texas.

Dear Tom:

Mr. Alled by speech over the radio and through the newspapers, has been trying to mislead the public as to your stand on the general sales tax during the last legislature, and in so misleading the public as to your stand he deliberately lead some people to believe that as Secretary to the Taxation Committee, I had lied in writing the following telegram to you some time ago: "As Secretary to the Committee on Revenue and Taxation during the last regular session of the legislature and as one who voted for Alled in the first primary, I wish to state that Tom Hunter opposed the general sales tax during the last legislature." Each and every word of that telegram is the truth. But Alled's representations are false.

For the purpose of exposing the untrue conclusions and statements made by Mr. Alled, I wish to point out the following classification of the sales tax to which you are well acquainted: general sales tax with and without exemptions, selective sales tax, special sales tax, pyramided sales tax, and luxury sales tax. You supported the last classification while the committee was having a hearing on the general sales tax bills. We entered in the minutes your name as supporting a sales tax but not a general sales tax. Mr. Alled has submitted to the people the Committee minutes as proof that you supported a general sales tax, because the minutes show that you supported A SALES TAX. Mr. Alled either didn't know any thing about the terminology used in tax matters or else he did know and proceeded to wilfully misrepresent things. As to yet I have not heard one single member of the Taxation Committee vouch for the truth of Alled's charge, but I have heard by way of telegram expressions from committee members to the truth of my telegram.

Mr. Alled was not content with merely leaving a false conclusion with the public as he did over the radio from Fort Worth as to your stand, but he went beyond all bounds of the truth in his speech at Waco in deliberately leaving out certain words while reading my telegram for the sole purpose of misleading the people of this state. I believe the people of this state will hold Mr. Alled to account for the untrue statements with intent to deceive which he has been making, and I feel more certain that he will have to account for same in "his afterworld below."

Mr. Alled has been reading a telegram from a lobbyist from West Texas which telegram quotes you before the Taxation Committee thus: "levy the tax only on the last sale." That is a true statement but not the whole truth because your whole statement was thus: "I oppose the general sales tax but this committee will decide the question, and if this committee does vote for a general sales tax, levy only on the last sale, rather than have it pyramiding."

Mr. Hunter you have clearly stated that you would veto any general sales tax bill passed for state purposes and that should settle the question, but Mr. Alled has been blowing over the radio that he smoked you off the general sales tax bill which is another misrepresentation. The only smoke that I have seen so far is from the smoke screen Alled has been trying to fool the people with, and at the time this letter is being written, I believed the wind has changed and has blown so much smoke in Alled's own eyes that in desperation and in a losing battle, he frantically uses any and all means of getting votes without regard to truth and fair play.

Hoping you can hold your present 100,000 vote lead, I am Sincerely, HORACE WALKER.

THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM WAS SENT ALLED BY MR. WALKER

Austin, Texas, August 16, 1934.

Hon. James V. Alled, Tyler, Texas.

In your address at Fort Worth you showed copy of Minutes Revenue and Taxation Committee House of Representatives of which I was Secretary the same purporting to show Hunter appeared and spoke in favor of the General Sales Tax Bills, pending before the Committee. As Secretary of the Committee I entered Mr. Hunter as favoring a Sales Tax and as customary I did not enter in the Minutes which classifications of the Sales Tax Mr. Hunter supported because I could not foresee at that time that you Mr. Alled as a candidate for Governor would not understand the classifications. Mr. Hunter supported the Luxury Sales Tax classification and vigorously opposed the General Sales Tax Classification. The ballots of Marion County will show that I cast my ballot for you at the last election for all of which I am sorry and have repented since with true knowledge aforesaid you have tried to twist the facts in your statement and leave a wrong impression with the voters concerning Mr. Hunter and the General Sales Tax. I re-affirm my former statement that Tom Hunter vigorously opposed the General Sales Tax during the last Legislature.

HORACE WALKER.

THE CAMPAIGN LIAR

In the closing days of the campaign some candidates are becoming so desperate that they have resorted to the usual last day circulation of campaign lies that seek to mislead the people and charge innocent men with crime. It is understood that in the closing hour of this campaign the parties of interest are seeking to circulate infamous lies and slander about John Pundt who is running for Railroad Commissioner. He is charged with everything under the sun and no proof is furnished except an ex parte affidavit by a man that John Pundt has helped and fed. If John Pundt has been guilty of any crime, it is passing strange that nobody ever raised any question about him until the closing days of this campaign. If he had committed any crime, certainly either the Federal Government or the State Government would have had him arrested. The whole infamous circular is a lie on its face.

REVISION OF LAWS FOR CROP CONTROL

The Government is now considering a revision of the crop control laws and regulations. That is glad news to the people of the South and especially of South Texas.

Regulation of production might not be a bad thing, but to force the small farmer who has been diversifying for many years, and planting as little cotton as he could possibly get along with, to cut his production as much as the fellow who has been planting all his cultivated acres to cotton, is unjust and unfair to the small farmer, and tends to bring about more poverty and more destitution than relief.

Farmers who must meet notes, interest and taxes on their farms must have cotton to sell or their farms will be sold and their families put out on the roads. Such a condition cannot possibly bring back prosperity. It can only intensify the suffering in the rural districts of our State and Nation. Any revision which does not contemplate restoration to the small farmer his right to production of a normal cotton crop will fail to bring back prosperous times to the South.

It is not the purpose of this writer to denounce the Bankhead Law, but rather to point out that under that law the small farmer, who has been diversifying in the past, may be permitted to plant the usual number of acres, provided the Secretary of Agriculture permits him to do so.

Under the Bankhead Law, the Secretary of Agriculture may permit the planting of a certain portion of the land which has heretofore been planted in cotton, or he may permit the planting of a certain portion of ALL the cultivated land in each farm. The latter plan would restore to our farmers in Fayette, Lavaca, Colorado, Austin, Waller, and adjoining counties, the right to produce a normal crop for the reason that we have never planted more than fifty per cent of our lands to cotton. The big farmers, who have been planting all or nearly all their lands to cotton, would have to reduce their production to meet that of the farmers in the counties herein named. In this way cotton production would be reduced without hurting anyone. Our farmers would be permitted to produce sufficient cotton to meet their obligations as heretofore and the farmers who have been gutting the market would benefit by increased prices resulting from reduced production.

In other words, under the Bankhead Law, the overment may adopt the diversification plan practiced by our farmers for years and apply it to the entire cotton producing area. That kind of a plan would be based on justice and would result in much good to the farmers—the little farmers—who, after all, are the ones who need help. Needless to say that any plan which does not contemplate helping the small farmer—the man who with his family is trying to pay for a farm by producing cotton—must fail.—Fayette County Record.

EXPERIENCE WITH SALES TAX

Though the general sales tax has met with little favor among lawmakers—who hesitate to incur popular displeasure—it has worked well wherever adopted. Ordinarily the measure is enacted reluctantly, to meet a financial emergency, and its life is limited to a year or so. Almost without exception the tax has yielded more revenue than had been expected and has proved no heavy burden upon the people. Such was harassed, poverty-stricken Mississippi's experience two years ago—and only lately Illinois added its testimony. A 2 per cent tax yielded that State \$36,632,000 the first year. It was a "pinch-hitter" for the State ad valorem tax and took the treasury out of the red for the first time in years.

Of the 14 States which have tried the measure for as long as a year, Oklahoma is perhaps first to report less revenue than expected—but its tax is only 1 per cent. As against 6 million dollars which the Legislature had figured upon, the first year's yield was \$4,800,

000. Even so, Oklahoma was able to keep its schools going full time, while reducing the ad valorem impost for that purpose by half. The 1 per cent levy was so light as to make no appreciable difference in the price of anything the people had to buy. Shop-keepers' fears that the tax would "kill business" proved groundless. Iowa lately imposed a 2 per cent tax for a 2-year trial, and that about strikes the average. When they discover how easy it is to pay, people generally are likely to be friendlier toward the sales tax—provided it is a substitute, not an added, tax.—San Antonio Evening News.

Fiddling vs. Harping Nero was being reproved for fiddling while Rome was burning. "After all," he retorted, "it is better than harping on one's troubles."—K. C. Start.

Love Limited "I have nothing but praise for the new minister of our church." "So I noticed when the plate was passed."—Ex. Progress.

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JIMMIE STOPS TAX RELIEF

James V. Allred, professed friend of the poor man, took it upon himself to oppose to the last ditch the Tax Penalty Remission bill passed by the 42nd Legislature for the relief of distressed taxpayers.

Under this law, taxes delinquent up to October 20, 1931, might be paid without interest or penalties, if paid on or before January 31, 1932.

The fifth plank of Governor Ferguson's 1932 platform contains a clause calling for a renewal and extension of the benefit of the penalty remission act. The clause reads: "I favor extending time for payment of taxes accruing before January 1st, 1932, for two years, and remitting of interest, costs and penalty if paid in two years from that date."

All in Line But Jimmie
The Tax Penalty Remission bill appeared to have general endorsement. But there was one exception in the person of Attorney General Allred. The day after the bill became a law, he wrote the Comptroller a letter advising that the act was unconstitutional and that tax collectors ought to continue demanding interest and penalties, as well as the principal, on delinquent taxes. The letter was not a reply to an official request for an opinion—it was a case of the attorney general "butting in" on his own initiative.

As a result of his interference, taxpayers all over the State were denied a right given them by a duly enacted statute. The Supreme Court disagreed with the attorney general and held the penalty remission act constitutional, but before its decision was handed down a great part of the time allowed for operation of the act had expired.

Punishing the "Dilatory"
The Attorney General lost his case, but delayed the operation of the law sufficiently long to deny its benefits to countless distressed taxpayers. The delay also cost the State the loss of a huge sum of money that would otherwise have been paid into the treasury.

In his brief in the Supreme Court, he denounced the relief measures as favoring those "most dilatory" in discharging their tax obligations.

ALLRED A FRIEND OF THE POOR?



The tax penalty remission bill, expected to save the homes of Texas people who were unable to pay both taxes and penalties, was rendered largely ineffective by the fight made on it by Attorney General Allred. The fifth plank of Governor Ferguson's 1932 platform contains the following clause: "I favor extending time for payment of taxes accruing before January 1st, 1932, for two years, and remitting of interest, costs and penalty if paid in two years from that date."

The view of the legislators and others favoring the bill was that these taxpayers were "dilatory" simply because they were too poor to pay both their taxes and the interest and penalties on them.

(See Attorney General's brief and Supreme Court decision in Jones vs. Williams, tax collector.)

The Tax Czar Bill
Allred was the principal backer and perhaps the author of House Bill No. 966, offered at the regular session of the Forty-second Legislature, which would have made the Attorney General dictator of tax valuations in fourteen counties in which State ad valorem taxes had been remitted for various reasons.

The bill would have authorized the Attorney General to sit with county commissioners courts acting as boards of equalization, to control schedules to be considered and to contest valuations not fixed according to his desires.

Meant to Raise Valuations
Proponents of House Bill No. 966 frankly stated that it was intended to have the effect of securing higher tax valuations. At a Senate committee hearing, Allred made the statement that the provisions of the bill ought to apply to every county in Texas. (See the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and other Texas papers of May 8, 1931.)

Among the provisions of this proposed law, was a requirement that county clerks should notify

INSECT PESTS WIPED OUT BY LONG DROUGHT

Not in the twenty-one years history of the Dallas office of the United States Bureau of Entomology has there been such a scarcity of economically important insects, Dr. Ernest W. Laake, head of the office, said Wednesday.

Practically every common insect requires moist breeding places and for the last few months these have been few.

The bureau discontinued its spraying of live stock in this community as protection against stable and horse flies more than a month ago. The stable flies breed largely in rain-soaked hay stacks and the horse flies in damp cow lots.

Chiggers Dry Up
House flies, more adaptable and more prolific than their larger cousins, have decreased to some extent, but have managed to hold their own better than most other insects.

Mosquitoes, whose favorite breeding places are stagnant pools, water-filled bottles and cans, have practically disappeared, Dr. Laake said. When the drought hit several malaria-carrying species were breeding here and the dry weather has saved the city from the possibility of a considerable epidemic of malaria, he believes.

What few mosquitoes are left breed in carelessly tended garbage cans and similar places.

Chiggers or red bugs, whose habitat is fresh green grass or weeds, have almost been eliminated by the drought and it has been more than a month since a call for help against this tiny but unpleasant insect has been received by the bureau.

The boll weevil is seldom seen in the dry hot cotton fields around Dallas. When a cotton square is punctured by the egg-laying weevil it drops to the ground. In the present weather the square is dried out before the grub can emerge as a weevil.

Pill Bugs Get by
Garden insects of all kinds are present in such small numbers as to be of no consequence, Dr. Laake said. The pill or armadillo bugs

the Attorney General of commissioners' meeting in which tax matters were to be discussed and a rule that clerks failing in this duty might be tried for misconduct, in their home counties or in Travis County.



Little boy, Little boy,
Who made your britches?
Ambition cut 'em out, and
My brother sewed the stitches.

seem to be standing the weather better than most and spend their days hiding in damp places under the house, around hydrants or under bits of trash or refuse.

The present high mortality rate in insects is no assurance that they will be few in number next spring, Dr. Laake said.

If the winter is a mild one the insects will be able to catch up with their procreation by next spring. It is the winter weather that controls their numbers, not the previous summer weather.

The unusually large number of insects reported early this spring was traceable directly to the mild

winter months just preceding.

The only way to forestall what the future holds for insect life is to be a weather prophet, Dr. Laake said.—Dallas News.

TOWARD WORLD CLIMAX

It appears everything is working up to a grand climax in the world's history. Signal lights are flashing in the political, social, economic and religious spheres about us.

People are thinking from one meal to the next, and predences do not count for much. In politics they are looking for a "new deal"

and for a man for Governor who has not held public office. That is why the people want Tom Hunter and tax relief.

The principal reason of the downfall of King Solomon's kingdom as related in First Kings, Chapter 12, when a young man, Jeroboam, ascended the throne and by his failure to listen to wise advice wrecked the glorious kingdom for good, was as follows:

"And the King answered the people roughly and forsook the old men's counsel that they gave him. And spake to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and

I will add to your yoke: my father also chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions."—R. Bonna Ridgway in Dallas News.

Native Texan Escapes Heat With Byrd in Little America

Joe Hill Jr., son of President J. A. Hill of West Texas State Teachers College, today (August 21) celebrated his twentieth birthday in Little America, the Bird Antarctic Expedition base on the ice barrier near the South Pole. It is the first birthday away from home.

Despite the fact that Joe is one year older today, he is still the youngest person in Antarctica. He was selected from among scores of applicants by Admiral Byrd because of his cheerful personality and his ability to make mechanical gadgets behave. Experience piloting tractors through West Texas wheat fields helped qualify Joe for his place in the expedition's tractor division.

A student in the University of Texas where he has been preparing for aeronautical engineering, Hill is thoroughly enjoying his respite from classroom work, according to reports reaching this country via the weekly Byrd broadcasts heard Wednesday, 8-8:30 p. m., over the Columbia network.

Although he is the youngest member of the Byrd Expedition, Hill is an experienced mechanic, having built dozens of airplane models, the largest having a wing spread of 18 feet. In addition, a racing car, assembled from junked parts of several makes of automobiles, testifies to Hill's handiness with tools and blueprints.

Man-about-town (in restaurant): "Waiter these veal chops don't look so tender to me."

Waiter: "Sir, I used to be a butcher and I can tell you that less than a month ago these chops were chasing after a cow."

MiAiT: "Without a doubt, but not for milk."

Typist (to her friend): "How do you like your new boss?"

Friend: "Rotten. When I'm late, he's early, and when I'm early, he's late."

Grocer: "A thief entered my store last night and took everything but a box of soap."

Judge: "The dirty crook."

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ABOUT HON. WILLIAM McCRAW

(Editorial reprinted from Ferguson Forum, Feb. 4, 1934)
Hon. William McCraw, of Dallas, one of the youngest district attorneys in the State, during his tenure in office, has made a record that not only distinguishes him as a fearless and courageous prosecutor, but also shows him to be a man in whose heart justice and milk of kindness abides. One of his many innovations that is worthy of note, is his recent detailed account of his stewardship. This report not only covers cases tried in Dallas county by himself and assistants, but goes further and itemizes every cent received and disbursed by his department. In the face of recent startling irregularities in fee collections, that is now being brought to light throughout the state makes this part of his report exceedingly interesting to taxpayers everywhere. The following extracts are taken from his report:

"As prosecutors we have striven to administer justice with an impartial hand. Wealth and poverty have stood on equal ground; where merited we have gladly tempered justice with mercy and shown charity for the frailties of man. The law of our land is not cruel. Its mercy is as big as the confines of our great state and as kindly as the forgiving hearts of

Texas. Upon my recommendation, five hundred men, young and old, have received suspended sentences during my five years of service. Because we had so thoughtfully and carefully investigated each case prior to extending the law's mercy, fewer than one per cent of this number have returned to criminal misconduct.

"With the 451 convictions, carrying an average of five years confinement in the penitentiary, may be contrasted 22 acquittals. Of the 15 convictions for the offense of murder, eliminating one in which the death penalty was assessed, the average verdict was thirty years.

"During 1931 it was necessary to retry five cases in which juries had assessed the extreme penalty, either death or 99 years. It is with pride that I am able to report the assessment of the extreme penalty in the retrial of all these cases. I take it that this bespeaks the care and prudence that would mark the course of a capable prosecuting department into whose hands is given abundant authority and power."

Gross receipts \$23,068.96; Disbursements authorized \$21,953.23.
Texas needs more men like "Bill" McCraw.

HIS RECORD AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY

In 1915 William McCraw was admitted to the practice of law and has practiced continuously since that time with the exception of the time he spent in the service of the army in a machine gun company in the 36th Division in France.

In 1926 he was elected District Attorney of Dallas County and he served in such capacity for three successive terms, holding the distinction of being the only man ever to hold such office for more than two terms.

Since Mr. McCraw voluntarily left the office of District Attorney, all of the candidates for this office, with the exception of one, who ran last in a field of four, have been former assistants of Mr. McCraw. This is a continued endorsement by his home people.

Mr. McCraw secured more 99 year sentences against criminals than any District Attorney in the United States.

He served three terms as President of the District and County Attorneys' Association and he saved the County of Dallas thousands of dollars by handling all of the civil law practices of Dallas County instead of hiring outside attorneys.

During the last term of Mr. McCraw's service as District Attorney, the records of the County of Dallas were audited and so carefully and faithfully had Mr. McCraw served as District Attorney that the records of his office were found to be 100% correct as shown by an editorial in this paper written by the Honorable James E. Ferguson and by reason of this audit Mr. McCraw collected from the other officials in Dallas County who were "short" thousands of dollars for his County.—In fact, so carefully did Mr. McCraw handle the affairs of his office that a recent audit by the State Comptroller of all fee accounts shows that the State still owes Mr. McCraw \$4,430.00.

ABOUT SENATOR WALTER WOODWARD

(Editorial reprinted from Ferguson Forum Sept 28th, 1933 and October 5th, 1933)
"The Special Session of the Legislature called by the Governor to consider bond relief, the public works program and anti-trust legislation is now approaching the last week of its session. There has been an element in the Legislature that has tried and is willing to do something for the people and go home, but there is a disturbing element that is hell-bent on playing POLITICS and that cares nothing about how much it costs the people or how little they accomplish while in session. Up to date the Legislature has passed the per diem bill of \$10 for the members and has the formal announcement of a candidate for Attorney General. This

announcement has been quite expensive to the people. It took WALTER WOODWARD ten days of ABUSE OF THE FERGUSON ADMINISTRATION before he reached the climax of announcing for office, and would not have reached it then had I not smoked him out . . ." (October 5, 1933.)
Referring to the gubernatorial campaign: ". . . WALTER WOODWARD raised all the same old charges about Old Jim that he is raising now in the State Senate at a WASTE TO THE TAXPAYERS of ten dollars a day for him and taking up the time of the Senate at a WASTE OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS A DAY, reharsing the same OLD THINGS that these Lilliputian statesmen were raising then. . ." (September 28th, 1933.)

SENDS KLAN CYCLOPS TO PEN

Probably the most notable criminal case that Mr. McCraw ever tried was the indictment, prosecution and conviction of Ben C. Richards, a Dallas politician and Cyclops of the Ku Klux Klan.

It was freely predicted that unless Mr. McCraw dismissed this case against the Klan Cyclops that he would be politically ruined by the Ku Klux Klan and in the face of this opposition the Ben C. Richards case was tried by Mr. McCraw and Richards was found guilty. So well was the case prosecuted that the Court of Criminal Appeals affirmed it

and Richards went to the penitentiary.
The public will recall the circumstances of Richard's political pardon in 1932, but to Mr. McCraw goes the credit of being the only District Attorney in Texas who ever convicted a high official of the Klan, which is evidence of his faithfulness to his duty and his unwavering obedience to his official oath and his loyalty to the people.

While the Klan has long since been dead and is not an issue this case is cited in evidence of Mr. McCraw's fearlessness, courage and ability.

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