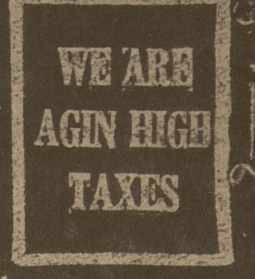
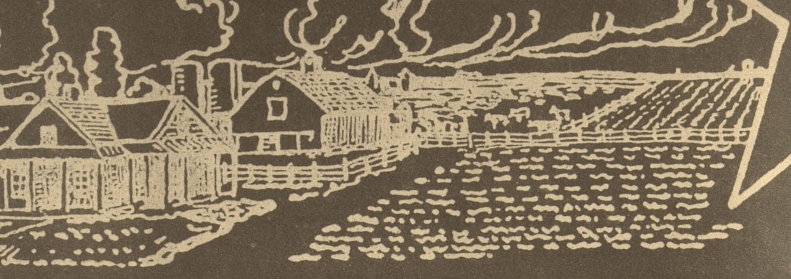


The Ferguson Forum



The Sterling Campaign

AN EDITORIAL

The Big Fat Boy's campaign for re-election has blown up. He can not win. He is handicapped and can't get started. The main reason for it all is that one-half of his supporters believe and say he can't win, and the other half say he has no sense.

As against this, the virtue and approval of the Ferguson platform stands out in bold contrast and the people are flocking to the Ferguson standard every day. Everybody knows and sees the handwriting on the wall but Sterling. His record is a joke and his administration is a sore humiliation to his friends and a disgrace to the state.

Jim Ferguson's expose last week of the 100 million dollar steal of highway funds in the last five years is unanswered and unanswerable.

The refusal and failure of the state auditor to file and furnish an audit for over twelve months has already begun to shake the confidence of every honest friend Sterling ever had and there is already in sight a rising tide of indignation against this monstrous corruption that will shake this state like a volcano.

A part of this stolen 100 million is now being used in an attempt to again buy the governorship of Texas.

There is now being sent out from the political headquarters of Sterling in Dallas, Fort Worth, Waco, Austin, Houston and San Antonio a political envelope that costs 10 cents each to address and mail. We are informed by the printer that over 200,000 copies have been ordered and there are six different printed pamphlets in each envelope, containing over 200 pages of printed lies, deceptions, falsehoods, slimes and slander. This envelope is printed on the finest quality of paper and the completed package costs over \$1.00 a piece. The 200,000 now being printed will cost \$200,000 and will be sent to every part of the state in a last mad attempt to divert the minds of the people away from the criminal extravagance and high taxes now being inflicted on the people of Texas. They are using the same lies that their hired character assassins who know not their father's names and whose mothers are lacking in virtue, used two years ago in connection with bastardic bundle to buy the governorship of Texas.

Let us answer their package of lies piece by piece. One booklet of 56 pages is labeled Fergusonism down to date. This deals with my impeachment and is an attempt to rehash and revive an old issue which was settled by my wife's election for my vindication in 1924 and by action of the legislature in restoring my citizenship—but set aside by a crooked court for political purposes.

Then they print another sheet of 6 pages and call it Sterlingism vs. Fergusonism. That answers itself. Ferguson may not have been the best governor Texas ever had, but everybody friend and foe alike agree that Sterling is the poorest governor Texas ever had or ever will have.

Then they have another sheet labeled "A Sterling Record" of 40 pages, and another called "A Defense of Martial Law" in East Texas of 61 pages, and another called "Responsible Government" of 10 pages. The answer is easy. The record of Sterling is one of extravagance and high taxes. His main ambition from the time he went on the highway commission was to foist on the people of Texas a debt of 350 million dollars in state bonds bearing 5 per cent interest for 40 years.

Where would the state of Texas be today if the Sterling bond scheme should have been allowed to have been put over on the people. The interest alone of seventeen and a half million would by now have thrown the state into bankruptcy and we would now be facing repudiation. Sterlingism was against the scheme and stopped it.

I submit that if every lie they ever told on me was true that my fight on the bond issue steal entitles me to the confidence of the people. I could have made all the money I ever wanted if I had agreed to merely go a fishing on the bond issue. But I turned it down, as I ought to have done, and made the fight for the people's protection.

The record in this issue alone answers their talk about "A Responsible Government," a "Sterling Record" and "Sterlingism vs. Fergusonism."

crowd in the last five and one-half years has grafted the highway fund out of 100 million dollars. If that is honesty in office and the "Sterling Record" then why not take it all and tell the people to go to.

Then this \$1.00 package has another deception called "A Defense of Martial Law" in East Texas of 61 pages.

In answer to this let me answer, that the Federal Court in open session told Sterling and his Jake, that there was no fact or excuse justifying martial law, even if there was a legal right to declare martial law. And then the court held that martial law is not authorized by law or fact in East Texas.

The court further found that martial law was declared by Sterling to fix the price of oil.

Sterling brags that martial law raised the price of crude oil from 24 cents to 67 cents average.

If that be true then we find the cause for the price of gasoline being raised from 10 cents to 16 cents and higher, or \$1.50 a barrel raise in the price to the consuming public. With average production of 350,000 barrels a day in East Texas alone, at \$1.50 a barrel would be \$525,000 a day or \$157,500,000 (one hundred and fifty-seven million dollars) for the 300 days that martial law has been in force is what the dear people have had to pay for martial law in East Texas—to say nothing of the same increase in price in all the rest of the state.

The Sterling highway commission are preparing to hand the people another package. Sterling now says that if the people will vote a constitutional amendment to do so, he will agree to take a part of the gasoline tax and pay off the county bonds now outstanding. Don't let anybody be crooked again. Sterling vetoed this very proposition, not because he even or ever hinted that it was unconstitutional, but because he said it was against his state-wide bond issue. This was only last October. This proposition is now made for political purposes to fool the people.

Just recently this proposition was hatched here in Austin by Sterling and the highway commission. They intend to flim-flam the voter who wants his county road bonds paid off.

Knowing now that my wife is going to be elected and that they will have to walk the plank, they now propose to settle the ship by letting enormous road contracts to consume all the funds, so there will be nothing left to pay off road bonds with and then they hope to control one-third of the legislature to prevent the passage of any constitutional amendment and they will then hope to keep all the gasoline tax in the highway fund to be stolen and grafted like the 100 million has been in the last five years. Feeling that they may not be able to do this, they are now letting and preparing to let the biggest road contracts in the history of the commission and then claim a vested right in the funds by virtue of said contracts, and that none of said funds can be used to pay off road bonds or relieve ad valorem taxes.

In their drunken cups around Austin they brag about what they are going to do to fix old Jim. If the people fall for this crowd that has brought on all our troubles of state government then they don't deserve any sympathy or relief. But I believe the people already know what is up and they are going to turn the rascals out and the people in.

Then the slander package scatters the Langhorn case and tries to raise another deception of the people. Let everybody get this. "Langhorn was not pardoned and he is now in the penitentiary and anybody who spreads this lie about Langhorn being pardoned is an infamous liar. My wife commuted his sentence from death to life imprisonment six years ago and said she did so because he was crazy and

In addition to this the highway

The Sixth Week Out

This campaign is keeping me busy. There are so many people at every speaking date and so many people wanting to say something for the Ferguson candidacy that it is hard to remember everything that goes on. For instance over at San Antonio week before last I forgot to say in these columns that my good friend, Tex Alsbury of the railway brotherhoods, participated in the introduction of my wife to the large San Antonio audience. Tex told the crowd that he was sure that 85 per cent of the railroad vote in Texas would be for my wife. Tex is one of the best posted railroad men in Texas.

My friend, A. T. De Boun, was the war veteran that introduced me. He is an overseas soldier and has many friends in San Antonio.

Well, we started out Saturday and went to Greenville to spend the night on our way to Sulphur Springs for the Thursday night date.

When we got to Greenville Dr. and Mrs. William Cantrel, and Bruce McMahon, and Earl Arnold and other friends met us at the depot and carried us up to the hotel, where we met Judge Stinson and my old stand-by, Uncle Jimmie Ingram, and Mayo and Robert Neeland of the old guard. Fred Horton, who runs the Greenville Banner, was there to welcome us and Fred says that he is voting the Ferguson ticket for the first time like hundreds of other Hunt County voters. He says Hunt County will go for my wife by 1200 majority, as against a loss by 500 in last election. This seems to be the general idea in every north Texas county.

We got to Sulphur Springs the next day about 11 o'clock and we went to headquarters—that is we went to Kearney Brim's home the Ferguson hang-out in northeast Texas. Like the Ferguson vote in Hopkins County the Brim family has increased in weight since we were there six years ago. His two daughters have grown to be two charming young ladies and his baby boy of six years ago is now talking politics. Mrs. Brim looks as young as the daughters and has a host of friends.

Kearney carried me as his guest to the Rotary luncheon and I was asked to make a few remarks on business conditions, which I managed to do. But I didn't brag on anything much for fear that they might think I was either trying to kid them or myself.

We had fully 10,000 people at the night speaking. Kearney presided and introduced Mrs. W. S. Southerland, first vice-president of the Parent-Teachers' Association of the 3rd district, who introduced my wife.

Mrs. Southerland's remarks were so much to the point, and were so enthusiastically received by the audience they are here produced in full:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

As you know, this is my first appearance at a political meeting of this kind. Most of you further know that neither myself nor my husband have ever supported Mrs. Ferguson for office before.

With the responsibility of voting goes the responsibility of the success or failure of those that you support by your vote in the election. Two years ago we supported Governor Sterling upon the assurance of a business administration in Texas and instead of a business administration, our state is deeper in debt and has been so miserably mismanaged, especially in favor of the big oil companies, and against the plain people of this state, that it now behooves all of us to stop, look and listen, and to compare the administration of Governor Miriam A. Ferguson with that of Governor Ross S. Sterling, and when you have done that, I believe if you will do it fairly and unbiasedly, that you will reach the same conclusion that I have, that Texas needs the services of Governor Ferguson in the governor's office for the next two years.

I now have the pleasure of introducing to you Miriam A. Ferguson who will discuss with you the things that she proposes to do when elected Governor of Texas, and whom I predict will be the next Governor of Texas.

I was then introduced by Elliott R. Chamberlain another soldier and commander of the local Post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Sulphur Springs is the home of Cyclone Davis and they told me that he was for my wife. He is running for congressman-at-large and his main plank is "more cash money." Speaking of platforms and candidates I am sure the delegates to the National Convention had been reading the Forum. The platform demands equity of redemption and Governor Roosevelt in his acceptance said:

"Rediscounting of farm mortgages under salutary restrictions must be expanded and should in the future be conditioned on the reduction of interest rates. Amortization payments maturities should likewise in this crisis be extended before rediscount is permitted where the mortgagor is sorely pressed.

Take away that specter of the due date just a short time away. Save homes; save homes for thousands of self respecting families and drive out the specter of insecurity from our midst."

No wonder the people are flocking to the Ferguson cause. No wonder the people are backing the Ferguson platform. The national democracy and the national candidate appear to be in line with Fergusonism. After my wife is nominated I may take a trip this fall up north and make a few passing observations for the democratic ticket. The presidential nominee might use me to tote in a little wood and water for him.

Dr. C. E. Davis, one of my pistol pocket friends, who is always there for his friends, headed a delegation from Old Linden in Cass County to carry me over from Sulphur to Linden. In the party was F. B. Sullivan, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, and C. R. Newland, and I rode in the car with Mr. L. C. Shelton, one of the prominent business men of Cass County.

Since my last visit to Linden, six years ago, death has claimed three good friends, Dr. A. C. Oliver, Capt. Silas Granberry and Judge Hardy O. Neal. They were three patriots of the old school and the old south whose lives and characters were a noble example to their posterity.

My old friend, V. O. Henderson, was there to welcome me, and Tom Ashford brought a crowd over from the Maud country.

Judge J. I. Ma Haffey and Hon. J. I. Wheeler and several other members of the Bowie County bar came over from Texarkana 50 miles away and Judge Ma Haffey introduced me and S. E. Henderson presided at the meeting.

There is no use talking Cass County is for my wife two to one, and the boys all believe my wife will carry Bowie County for the first time.

Ed Edwards was there from Red River County and he says the Ferguson strength is easily one-third more than two years ago and that she will carry Red River County strong.

From Linden I jumped 170 miles away down in San Augustine County for my date on Saturday night at the old historic town of San Augustine, the third oldest town in Texas.

Concise 1300-Word Platform Is Democratic Answer to 12 Years of Republican Rule

CHICAGO, July 7.—The following 1300-word platform will be the answer of the democratic party to 12 years of republican rule, when the party candidates open their campaigns for election.

The platform, forthright on prohibition and on many other controversial issues which the republicans either sidestepped or straddled in their lengthy 10,000-word epistle, was cut short, made concise and to the point after a plea of many democratic leaders. It follows:

PLATFORM OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

The democratic party solemnly promises by appropriate action to put into effect the principles, policies and reforms herein advocated, and to eradicate the policies, methods and practices herein condemned.

We advocate:

1—An immediate and drastic reduction of governmental expenditures by abolishing useless commissions and offices, consolidating departments and bureaus, and eliminating extravagance, to accomplish a saving of not less than 25 per cent in the cost of federal government, and we call upon the democratic party in the states to make a zealous effort to achieve a proportionate result.

2—Maintenance of the national credit by a federal budget annually balanced on the basis of accurate executive estimates within revenues, raised by a system of taxation levied on the principle of ability to pay.

Monetary Conference

3—A sound currency to be prescribed at all hazards; and an international monetary conference called on the invitation of our government to consider the rehabilitation of silver and related questions.

4—A competitive tariff for revenue with a fact finding tariff commission free from executive interference; reciprocal tariff agreements with other nations; and an international economic conference designed to restore international trade and facilitate exchange.

5—Extension of federal credit to the states to provide unemployment relief wherever the diminishing resources of the state make it impossible for them to provide for the needy; expansion of the federal program of necessity and useful construction affected with a public interest such as flood control and waterways, including the St. Lawrence-Great Lakes waterways—the spread of employment by a substantial reduction in the hours of labor, the encouragement of the shorter week by applying that principle in government service; advance planning of public works.

Unemployment Insurance

6—Unemployment and old age insurance under state laws.

7—For the restoration of agriculture, the nation's basic industry, better financing of farm mortgages through reorganized farm bank agencies at low rates of interest, on an amortization plan, giving preference to credits for the redemption of farms and homes sold under foreclosure; extension and development of the farm co-operative movement, and effective control of crop surpluses so that our farmers may have the full benefit of the domestic market.

Enactment of every constitutional measure that will aid the farmer to prices for basic farm commodities prices in excess of cost of production.

8—A navy and an army adequate for national defense, based on a survey of all facts affecting the existing establishments, that the people in time of peace may not be burdened by an expenditure fast approaching \$1,000,000,000 annually.

9—Strict and impartial enforcement of the anti-trust laws to prevent monopoly and unfair trade practices, and revision thereof for the better protection of labor and the small producer and distributor; conservation, development and use of the nation's water power in the public interest.

Stock, Bond Plank

10—Protection of the investing public by requiring to be filed with the government and carried in advertisements of all offerings of foreign and domestic stocks and bonds true information as to bonuses, commissions, principal invested and interest of sellers.

Regulation to the full extent of federal power of:

(a) Holding companies which sell securities in interstate commerce.

(b) Rates of utilities companies operating across state lines.

(c) Exchange trading in securities and commodities.

11—Quicker methods of realizing on assets for the relief of deposits of suspended banks and a more rigid supervision of national banks for the protection of depositors and the prevention of the use of their moneys in speculation to the detriment of local credits.

The severance of affiliated securities companies and the divorce of the investment business from commercial banks; and further restriction of federal reserve banks in permitting the use of federal reserve facilities for speculative purposes.

Justice to Veterans

12—The full measure of justice and generosity for all war veterans who have suffered disability or disease caused by or resulting from actual service in time of war and for their dependents.

13—A firm foreign policy including: Peace with all the world and the settlement of international disputes by arbitration; no interference in the internal affairs of other nations; the sanctity of treaties, and the maintenance of good faith and of good will in financial obligations; adherence to the world court with the pending reservations; the pact of Paris abolishing war as an instrument of national policy, to be made effective by provisions for consultation and conference in cases of threatened violation of treaties; international agreement for reduction of armaments; and co-operation with nations of the western hemisphere to maintain the spirit of the Monroe Doctrine.

We oppose cancellation of the debts owing to the United States by foreign nations.

14—Independence for the Philippines, ultimate statehood for Puerto Rico, the employment of American citizens in the operation of the Panama Canal.

15—Simplification of legal procedure and reorganization of the judicial system to make the attainment of justice speedy, certain and at less cost.

Corrupt Practice Act

16—Continuous publicity of political contributions and expenditures, strengthening of the corrupt practice act, and severe penalties for misappropriation of campaign funds.

17—We favor the repeal of the eighteenth amendment.

To effect such repeal we demand that the congress immediately propose a constitutional amendment to truly representative conventions in the states called to act solely on that proposal.

We urge the enactment of such measures by the several states as will actually promote temperance, effectively prevent the return of the saloon and bring the liquor traffic into the open under complete supervision and control by the states.

We demand that the federal government effectively exercise its power to enable the states to effectively protect themselves against importation of intoxicating liquor in violation of their laws.

Pending repeal, we favor immediate modification of the Volstead act to legalize the manufacture and sale of beer and other beverages of such alcoholic content as is permissible under the constitution and to provide therefrom a proper and needed revenue.

We condemn:

1—The improper and excessive use of money in political activities.

2—Paid lobbies of special interests to influence members of congress and other public servants by personal contact.

3—Action and utterance of high public officials designed to influence stock exchange prices.

Improvement Subsidies

4—The open or covert resistance of administrative official to every effort made by congressional committees to curtail the extravagant expenditures of the government and to revoke improvident subsidies granted to favored

ALLRED'S RECORD EXPOSED

Facts Ignored by Allred in Talks About His Work

In his opening speech at Tyler—where he announced his support by W. P. Hobby—Attorney General James V. Allred declared his record, his platform and invited inspection and criticism of it. He has carefully refrained, however, from discussing certain important parts of his record.

It is a part of his record that his administration has been more expensive to the taxpayers of Texas than that of any other attorney general. Sums appropriated under Allred for two years conduct of the Attorney General's Department exceed by nearly \$90,000 the total for two years shown in the official report of his immediate predecessor.

It is a part of his record that he opposed the outstanding tax relief measure passed by the legislature during his administration. It is also a part of his record that he championed a measure which would have made the attorney general dictator of tax valuations to county commissioners' courts.

Attacks Small Bill

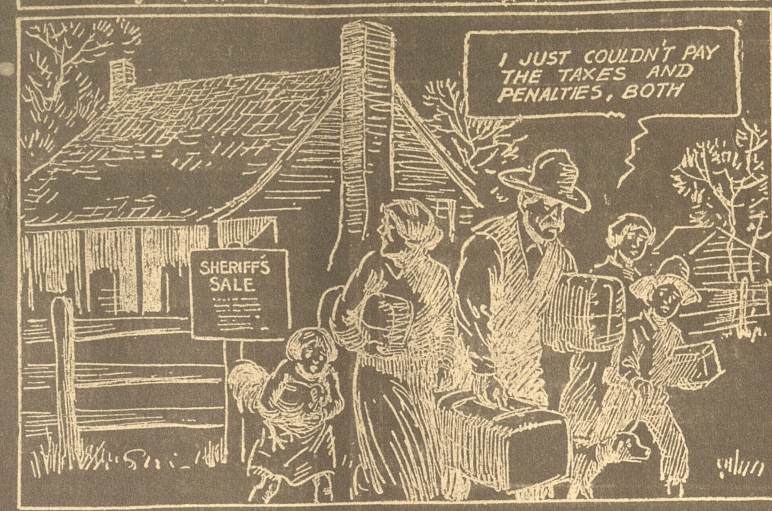
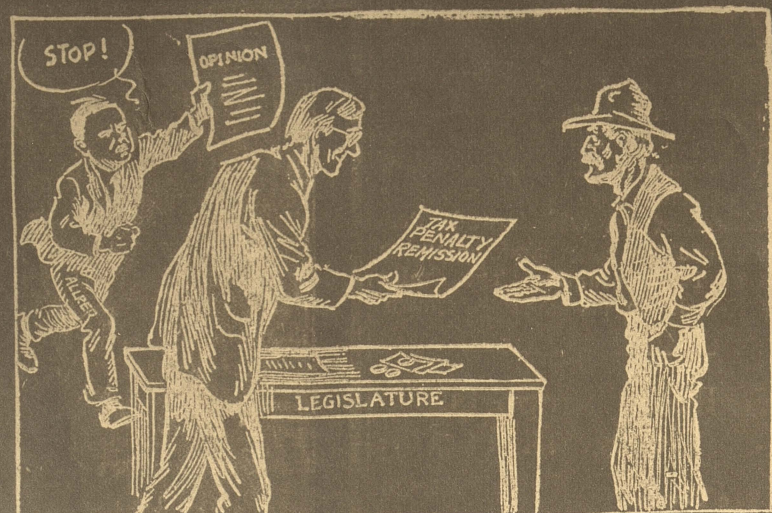
It is a part of Allred's record that he tried to take away from many farm and ranch owners the most valuable part of their holdings by attacking the constitutionality of the Small River bed bill. This act validated titles to land in so-called stream beds for which payment in good faith had been made by settlers and on which the same settlers had paid taxes for many years.

Before he became attorney general, Allred had praised this act, and claimed to have journeyed to Austin to work for its passage. As attorney general, he asked the Supreme Court to hold the measure unconstitutional. His attempt was defeated when the Supreme Court handed down a decision recently, holding the act valid in all respects.

Doesn't Mention Lost Cases

It is a part of Allred's record that the Supreme Court of this State has twice, by its decisions, defeated attempts by him to invalidate State laws. It is also a part of his record that his defense of the common purchaser law, as applying to gas, proved unsuccessful and that other important cases have been lost by the State un-

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."

der his administration—none of which he mentions in discussing his record. It is equally true that, in cases of which he boasts in his campaign speeches—notably the Whitesides and proration cases—he had the assistance of counsel for other parties than the State.

Shirks Defense of Rights

It is a part of Allred's record that he declined to act in behalf of the Board of Mineral Development in a recent case involving valuable property rights of the State in the bed of the Sabine River. The board was compelled to employ private counsel, paying a fee of \$1500, and won the

case without the assistance of any member of the State's legal department. The State has rights in the Sabine River bed worth many millions of dollars. Allred stated that he did not have time to attend to this case; nor could he assign an assistant to it.

Allred has ignored these parts of his record in campaign speeches. He is now on the stump, professing to submit an account of his stewardship to the people. But he submits only a partial and one-sided account. Concerning the matters referred to here—and some others—he declines to talk. Why?

Jimmie Stops Tax Relief and Seeks To Be Tax Czar

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 52nd 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.

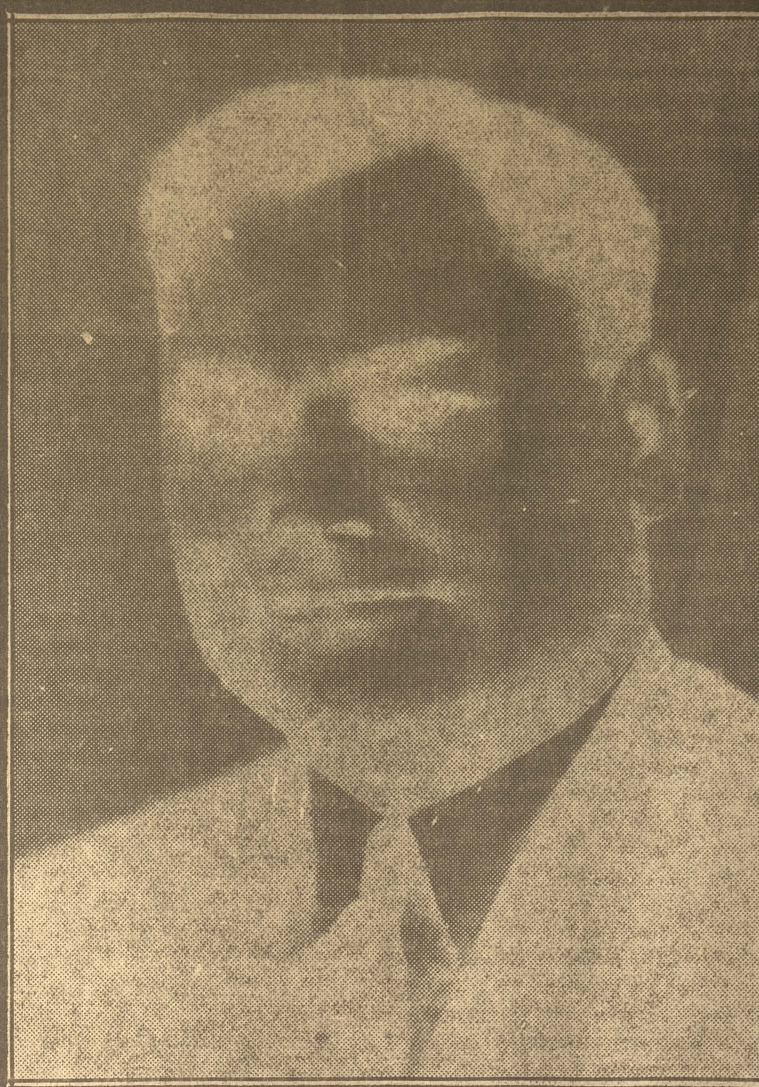
Punishing the "Dilatory"

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 measure as favoring those "most dilatory" in discharging their tax obligations.

The view of the legislators and others favoring the bill was that these taxpayers were "dilatory" simply be-

Clem Calhoun Of Amarillo Candidate for Attorney General



Lawyer, soldier, son of the plain people. Widely known as the "fighting prosecutor who cleaned up Borger." A native Texan self-made and self-educated. Born 36 years ago on a black land farm in Grayson County. Worked his way through Austin College and the University of Texas. Rose from private to commissioned officer in the 345th Field Artillery during the World War, entering practice of law when mustered out. Ten years of public service as county attorney, assistant district attorney and district attorney. Won prominence as district attorney in three Texas districts, under appointment from both Governors Ferguson and Moody and through election by the people. Public record unassailable as to honesty, energy and ability. Now in private practice at Amarillo.

cause 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-

Calhoun Stands For Economy and Local Tax Rule

In his ten years of public service, Clem Calhoun has proved himself qualified to serve as Attorney General of Texas and worthy of the honor of election to that office. He is making the race on the following platform:

1. Rigid governmental economy.
2. Restoration of attorney general's department to its constitutional status as the State's law office.
3. Non-interference with local self government in tax matters.
4. Fair and impartial law enforcement, uninfluenced by personal ambition or the selfish interests of personal or political friends.
5. Protection of State property rights and defense of State laws attacked in the courts.
6. Full and uncolored information for the people as to the conduct of the Attorney General's department.
7. Employment of ablest lawyers, as assistants, possible under economic administrations.
8. Encouragement of industrial development of Texas, to provide jobs for our unemployed. No use of the Attorney Generals power by outside concerns to harass Texas industries.
9. Whole hearted support of farm marketing acts and statutes protecting right of workers to bargain collectively.
10. Full application to duties of office, supported by a solemn pledge that he will not become a candidate for any other office during the term for which he is elected.

to hearing, Allred made the statement that the provisions of the bill ought to apply to every county in Texas. (See the Ft. 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 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.

The Sterling Campaign

(continued from page 1) of unsound mind. Though she said that six years ago, this bunch of character assassins have never denied it and can't deny it. Their whole contention is that she should have hung a crazy lunatic. She refused to do it and has no apologies to make. What I may or may not have done about some other case, has nothing to do with the original act of commutation to life imprisonment.

Oh, but they talk about woman's virtue and womanhood. Sterling recently pardoned a prominent East Texas politician and business man, who had received a 7 year sentence for rape on a young girl under 15 years of age, after he had served only 60 days and one of the managers of Sterling's campaign received a large fee on condition that he get the pardon.

The pardon record of Sterling is already a stinking mess and everybody around Austin knows it.

Oh, yes, I like to forget to tell the people about some more highway graft. They now have over 9000 employees as against 2800 in my wife's administration and in this number there are 186 engineers and 1314 assistant engineers—or 1500 engineers and 352 foreman to boss about 7200 laborers. In other words they have an engineer and a foreman to every 4 men. Engineers get \$4250 a year and assistants get \$2400 and foremen \$2000 a year. Laborers get about \$750 a year.

The laborers in a good many divisions are required to be members of the division baseball team to hold their jobs and buy balls and bats and uniforms. They are required in division No. 9—the Gatesville division to play every evening and to play on Sunday. Engineers and officials are not required to play, but are entertained by the poor laborer at his expense and time.

Off hours that the highway laborer could use in making a garden or attending to his chickens must be given away to the entertainment and expense of ball playing. This is the Sterling record.

This lordly highway department is now preparing to build the Weatherford cut off at an expense of about \$2,000,000 a distance of 46 miles, that

parallels an established state highway which the people have already built and bonded themselves to pay for and is a good substantial highway carrying all traffic and only built a few years ago. There are 6 towns on the old road and one town on the new road.

Trot out some more of your lies and slander. Your horse can't run and he is owned by crooks and scurbs.

JIM—The Editor.

1300-Word Platform

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5—The extravagance of the farm board, its disastrous action which made the government a speculator in far products, and the unsound policy of restricting agricultural production to the demands of domestic markets.

6—The usurpation of power by the state department in assuming to pass upon foreign securities offered by international bankers, as a result of which billions of dollars in questionable bonds have been sold to the public upon the implied approval of the federal government.

7—The Hawley-Smoot tariff law, the prohibitive rates of which have resulted in retaliatory action by more than 40 countries, created international economic hostilities, destroyed international trade, driven our factories into foreign countries, robbed the American farmer of his foreign markets, and increased his cost of production.

Conclusion: To accomplish these purposes and to recover economic liberty we pledge the nominees of this convention, and the best effort of a great party whose founder announced the doctrine which guides us now in the hour of our country's need—"Equal rights to all, special privileges to none."

CLARKSVILLE.—A buck circle similar to bull circles is planned by Red River County farmers, who have imported several registered Hampshire bucks and ewes in an effort to place a few good sheep on each farm.

MIDLAND.—Cotton acreage in Midland County was reduced about 20 per cent last week by high winds that covered the crop with sand or burned hundreds of acres. Most farmers are replanting in grain sorghums.

Joe Burkett Replies To T. H. McGregor

To The Editor of the Forum:

The last issue of your paper carried a letter by the Hon. T. H. McGregor addressed to his friends which I cannot pass unnoticed, and therefore I trust you will give my reply space in your paper.

In that letter Senator McGregor is trying to tie the candidacy of his son to the campaign of Mrs. Ferguson for governor. This is manifestly unfair to Mrs. Ferguson, because there are thirteen other candidates in Place No. 3, the place sought by Senator McGregor's son, and any attempt on the part of Mr. McGregor to foist his campaign upon and make his candidacy a part and parcel of Governor Ferguson's campaign, is imposing upon the friendship of Governor Ferguson, and not only her friends but the friends of the other seven candidates for governor, should and will resent the intrusion.

Mr. McGregor's letter contains two misstatements of fact relative to myself. He says I am seeking the support of "our friends" on the claim that I have been in the "long hard battles," etc. It is not true that I am seeking the support of anyone upon my friendship for them. I have not tried to tie my campaign to the Ferguson campaign, or anybody else's campaign. I am fighting my own campaign, and Mr. McGregor should do the same. I have never at any time or any place said or intimated that any person should vote for me because of my friendship of the Fergusons. I have done only what I conceived to be my duty while supporting the Fergusons in the past, and I claim no special credit for or remuneration from either Mr. or Mrs. Ferguson, or their followers, from what I have done or may do. I will not be so unfair or unthoughtful as to seek to tie my campaign to theirs. They are amply able to fight their own battles, and when I go to Congress I shall represent fairly and sincerely, not only the Fergusons and their friends, but also the other gubernatorial candidates and their supporters, and all of the people. I do not believe Mr. McGregor should call upon the Fergusons to fight his fight. I do not believe the Fergusons should be called upon to choose between friends—and they have many in

Place No. 3, for Congressman-at-Large out of the field of fourteen. I am willing to leave it to Governor Ferguson as to whether I have been their friend.

And then, too, if it is a qualification that one's father had heretofore voted for Governor Ferguson, there are many thousands young men and women who should be seeking the office along with young Mr. McGregor. It is true, young Mr. McGregor is serving now as Assistant U. S. District Attorney under a Republican administration, but there are literally hundreds of young men serving under the Hoover Administration who would not be acceptable as a Democratic Congressman.

Mr. McGregor makes the misstatement that Mrs. Ferguson asked me to resign from the Highway Commission. That statement is not true. Do you think Governor Ferguson would ask me to resign and then defend my acts? Governor Jim Ferguson has defended my acts as Highway Commissioner all over Texas, and has never uttered one word of condemnation of my acts, so far as I ever heard. Mrs. Ferguson did not ask me to resign, but I resigned of my own volition because of purely private personal matters, with which the public nor Mr. McGregor, has no concern.

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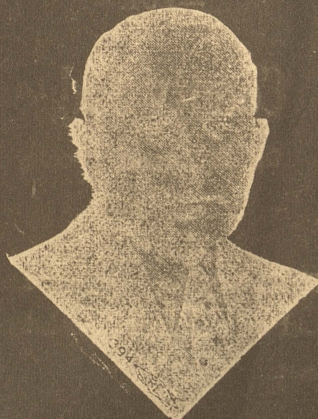
Mr. McGregor complains that I was not at the opening speech of Mrs. Ferguson at Waco. Neither was your son, young Mr. McGregor. I was busy attending to my own campaign. It now appears that Mr. McGregor might have been at Waco, and may have been supporting the Fergusons all these years for a selfish purpose—that of personal benefit to himself and political benefit to his son.

Ferguson supporters, are you going to allow Mr. McGregor to impose upon you and upon Governor Ferguson by trying to get his son a free ride in the Ferguson bandwagon? If that is the only qualification that

young Mr. McGregor has, it is certainly not sufficient to merit your support. I am not asking Governor Ferguson to choose between friends. Indeed, I do not know her choice, nor the choice of Governor Jim. I haven't asked them, and do not intend to. They have their race to run and I have mine. I have many friends in Texas both in and out of the Ferguson following, and I appreciate the friendship and votes of all. All who know me, know I have never been disloyal to a friend nor unfair to an enemy.

This is a matter that should never have been raised by Mr. McGregor and every red-blooded man and woman in Texas, either friend or foe of the Fergusons or of Governor Sterling, or of Tom Hunter, or of Mr. Wolfe, or of Mr. Patnam, or of Mr. Armstrong

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should, and I believe will resent such petty political play on the part of Mr. McGregor. If his son is not able to make his own fight, then he should not impose on the friendship of years and create dissension and discord at this late hour.

Sincerely yours, JOE BURKETT.

Sen. T. H. McGregor to Speak at McKinney

AUSTIN, Texas, July 7.—Sen. T. H. McGregor will speak at McKinney, July 9, 2:30 p. m., in the interest of the candidacy of his son, Douglas McGregor, who is a candidate for congressman-at-large, place 3.

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