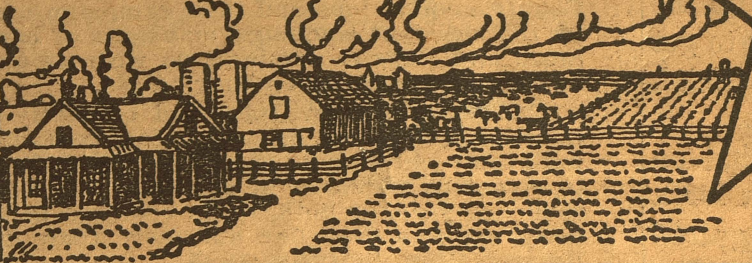


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## Call for Democratic State Convention Issued by Chairman

Arthur R. Edison of Hamilton, chairman of the state democratic executive committee, Tuesday issued the official notice of publication of the place of meeting of the democratic state convention, which he asks all Texas newspapers to publish in compliance with the law.

The official notice said: "I, Arthur R. Edison, chairman of the state democratic executive committee, do hereby publish that the state convention of the democratic party in the state of Texas will be held on the Tuesday after the second Monday after the fourth Saturday in August, 1926, to wit, September 7, 1926, in the Municipal auditorium of San Antonio, Bexar county, Texas.

(Signed) "Arthur R. Edison, Chairman State Democratic Executive Committee."

Publication of the notice, Richard T. Fleming, of Houston, secretary of the committee, said Tuesday, was considered necessary as there is an ambiguity in the statute with reference to it.

## Jackson, Miss., Klan Disbands When Texan Is Named as Dragon

Jackson, Miss., Aug. 10.—The Daily News says that the local organization of the Ku Klux Klan voted to disband and surrender its charter.

"Wanting interest among members, lack of financial support and other causes are assigned as reasons for the action," the newspaper says. Continuing, the story adds:

"The Jackson branch of the Ku Klux Klan was at one time the largest and strongest in the realm of Mississippi, but for the past year or more the membership has been steadily dwindling, and at the meeting of the 28th, according to a current report, only one vote was cast against disbandment.

"It is also reported that a goodly number of the local members resented the action of the national organization in placing Mr. Wankan, a citizen of Texas, at the head of the state organization as grand dragon, the position formerly held by T. S. Ward, who resigned on account of ill health. They felt they had a specific grievance against the new grand dragon, but felt that some Mississippians should have been given the office."

## 400,000 Voters in Texas Didn't Want Moody as Governor

Editor Forum:

Democracy has been defeated by plutocracy but let us not get away from the fact that there are 400,000 good Texans who did not endorse Dan Moody; 233,000 or better who stayed with the Fergusons and 125,000 of the Davidson people. Whether the Davidson people would have voted the Ferguson ticket or not in case of a run-off no one knows, but judging from at least 100 that I talked with before the election I would judge that at least 75 per cent would. However, be that as it may, you might tell the lady from Dallas that sent the telegram wanting to know what we thought of the Ku Klux and monkey faced Baptist that we have had no cause to change our opinion. She sounded the keynote when she wanted to let us know they were not dead but actively working, and that was just the trouble in this past campaign, the other side was more dead or sleeping.

Thousands and thousands of these Moody voters didn't vote for Moody for love or for good government, or for anything that Mr. Moody had done, but for no other reason than to get back at Jim Ferguson for tearing down their play house two years ago. Some of them even boast of it now. Why did not the Ku Klux vote for the Ku Klux candidate? The Kluxers say that Dan is not a Ku Klux but they knew Moody was a long shot the strongest man or woman in the field outside of Mrs. Ferguson, and I certainly think that Mrs. Ferguson ran one of the best races that was ever run in Texas considering the powers that were against her, the big press, money power and Ku Klux Klan. She made some mistakes of course, most everybody does that that does anything. These self appointed vipers don't want her to even have a chance to leave the capitol with clean hands, but I say just let them rear. Call them together and let them investigate. That's what they have been howling for all summer and I see from the papers that Satterwhite wants as many of them as can to meet him at Dallas before they meet at Austin. Don't know what that is for unless to confer with the Grand Wizard. So here is hoping for the best.

J. T. GOTCHER. San Angelo, Texas.

# TO THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS

I am a candidate for the nomination for the office of Governor in the run-off primary to be held on August 28th, 1926.

In view of all that has happened, I am quite well aware that this announcement will cause wide-spread comment. I know in advance that some of it will be favorable and some of it unfavorable, but I have long since learned that it is impossible to please more than a majority of the people, and when that much has been accomplished, the candidate ought to be satisfied. I have also learned that all candidates, especially those who hold high office, must be and will be criticized, justly and unjustly. This is one of the pains and penalties which all candidates must be willing to endure in order to give to the people the right of free speech and individual political opinion.

In the first place, it has already been urged and will continue to be urged that I should resign because I made a proposition in my opening speech at Sulphur Springs to Mr. Moody, that I would resign if he led me one vote in the primary, if he would agree with me that he would resign if I led him twenty-five thousand votes. This was the offer by me to Mr. Moody, and if he wanted to avail himself he should have accepted my proposition. It may be surprising to some to know that he did not accept. Not only did he not accept my proposition, but he left himself in a position where he would not be bound in case I should have led him twenty-five thousand votes in the primary. Here are his very words: "I accept the challenge issued by Jim in his wife's name." In many other statements in the paper he called my proposition "Jim's bluff," but not to this good hour has he ever said that he accepted my proposition. He has not even shown me the courtesy to reply to me concerning my proposition. I submit to all fair-minded people that the acceptance of a challenge issued by "Jim" is not the acceptance of a challenge issued by "Miriam." If the vote had been in my favor, Mr. Moody had carefully worded his reply so that he would not have been bound and he would have immediately said that he was only bluffing with Jim.

In addition to this, my proposition was made based upon an idea of a legal election where legal rights of the candidates would be respected. No sooner had my proposition gone forth than Mr. Tom Love, who next to Governor Colquitt is the most dominant personality in the Moody campaign, announced boldly that if I was nominated that he would not support me in the general election. Mr. Moody and his friends in Dallas county supported Mr. Love on that platform and more than 200,000 bolters who bolted the ticket two years ago were permitted to vote in this campaign, and Mr. Moody urged the election of Mr. Love in Dallas county. If the Love stripe of bolting democrats had been excluded from the primary as I had the right to presume they would be, then I would have led Mr. Moody by 100,000 votes. Backing Mr. Moody and his crowd was the organized forces of the Ku Klux Klan. In other words, my proposition was based upon a democratic primary and not a bolting Ku Klux primary. Even if Mr. Moody had accepted my proposition directly to me, I would have been released by reason of political fraud and illegal election. After my proposition was made with the idea that we would have a fair election in accord with law, Mr. Moody rendered an opinion denying my right, and every other candidate's right to have Supervisors at every election box, to insure a fair count of the ballot. This right has never been denied before in Texas and the law is plain. But as a result of Mr. Moody's opinion, my friends were not permitted only in a very few places to be represented by Supervisors.

The democratic primary referred to in my proposition included the July and August primaries. The law itself provides for the second primary, which is as much a part of the election as the first primary. The law says that where there is a run-off it is one primary. Even if Mr. Moody had accepted my proposition, it would not have been consummated until after the August election. While I was not bound to resign, yet I expressed, after the election, the desire to be relieved of the duties of office within a reasonable time, after my promises were fulfilled and the affairs of the office could be put in shape to be turned over to the Lieutenant Governor. But it seems that this crowd of political wolves and political Shylocks are not satisfied, and they are thirsting for blood and a pound of flesh. I shall not accede to their demands, but shall remain at my post to perform the work which I promised the people I would perform, regardless of consequences.

### The Withdrawal

When the July primary was over I was again anxious to be relieved of another vicious campaign like we had in the first campaign. Impelled by this desire I announced very shortly after the 24th my tentative withdrawal from the race. This action upon my part was, of course, based on the facts then before me. No sooner had I made this statement than the Ku Klux Klan leaders all over the state began to claim that they had elected Mr. Moody governor of this state. And the lawless head of this political snake organization was raised all over this state and a reign of terror now threatens the people of Texas. It now develops that Moody's election was the re-

sult of an edict of the Wizard of the Klan, issued as far back as November 21, 1925. I am informed a meeting was held in the Raleigh Hotel at Waco, and present was Hiram W. Evans, the Grand Wizard and his brother-in-law from Indiana, P. W. Thompson of Greenville, the North Texas Titan, Alva Bryan, the Central Texas Titan, J. C. Hyer of Fort Worth, the West Texas Titan, M. A. Childers of San Antonio, Grand Dragon of the state, who presided at the meeting, and Brown Harwood of Fort Worth, formerly the Klizek of the United States, and one or two other minor officials of the Klan. Evans, lying on his bed told the party that after considering the matter from every angle that "Dan's the Man." And it was here that this phrase was originated. Mr. Childers disagreed with Evans, and Childers was removed by Evans, and Lloyd Bloodworth of Fort Worth was appointed in his place. This accounts for the ardent and active interest which Bloodworth has displayed in Moody's campaign, as one of his managers, throughout the state. Then in April came Evans' endorsement of Moody at Abilene. And it will not be forgotten that Evans declared at Arlington, when the governor forbade the Klan using state cavalry horses for a parade, that "Next year, (speaking to several thousand klansmen) we will elect a governor who can hold office in his own name." All these facts can not and will not be denied. They were proven by the notorious fact that in every community in Texas Moody received 97% of the Klan vote. Just as soon as the July primary was over and they thought I was out of the race, the Klan began to celebrate and to terrorize the state. Judge D. R. Pendleton, a former Cyclops of the Tyler lodge, and perhaps the best known East Texas Klansman, published a piece in his home paper reading as follows:

"I rejoice that the Klan has redeemed Texas. Of the vote cast for Moody more than three-fourths came from the 345,000 who voted for Felix Robertson two years since. Without their votes Ferguson would have been overwhelmingly renominated. The Klan has beat Ferguson—long live the Klan. I rejoice that the Klan has nominated a governor."

Bear in mind that this is a statement from the inside, semi-official at least, and not from the outside. Everywhere the Klan began to shout that the Anti-Mask Law was a thing of the past, and within a week after the election, they held a state-wide Klan meeting at Temple, which ten thousand Klansmen attended, and I am reliably informed that they marched in full regalia inside their Klan grounds.

### Klan Outrages

In the last ten days, on a prominent street in Fort Worth, six men in robes kidnaped a man in sight of a policeman, forced him into a car and disappeared with him. His fate is unknown. In Dallas, a prominent Jew has already been notified to leave town. And I am informed that money is being raised by the Dallas Klan, or members thereof, to be sent down to the San Antonio and Rio Grande country to be used to employ people to intimidate and if necessary, offer violence to the priests and nuns who are fleeing out of Mexico into Texas for protection. In this connection, it will be remembered that Calles, the president of Mexico who is closing the churches, both Protestant and Catholic, is an infidel and an evolutionist, who believes in the idea that man comes from monkeys. Of course he wants to deny people the right of religious worship that suits them and to worship only according to his tyrannical views and opinions. Mexican mothers are now being denied the right to have their children baptized in a church even while they are in the throes of death. You ask me what that has to do with the Texas campaign? Let me tell you: Just as soon as Frank Norris was indicted for having shot down an unarmed man, the Ku Klux immediately rallied to his support, and now Norris is preaching sermons on the danger of Roman Catholicism and is saying that the Klan elected Moody. All we need in this state to have the same condition that they have in Mexico would be to elect a Dictator of the Ku Klux Klan stripe, and then this country will be afflicted with a Reign of Terror and an orgy of crime, that will make blood flow in the streets.

If three-fourths of Mr. Moody's supporters came from Felix Robertson's 345,000, then Mr. Moody received less than 100,000 real democratic votes and the natural results must be and will be that he will be dominated by the Klan, who whipped and outraged helpless women and men in this state less than three years ago. Already the Klan is boasting that they will repeal the Anti-Mask Law and that they will repeal the law passed in my administration and approved by me to prevent unlawful search and seizure of the homes and property of our citizens. As against this boast I want to say that I am going to ask the legislature to make these laws stronger, and in addition to that, I am going to demand that the legislature pass a law requiring the Ku Klux to register their membership among the public records of every county in the state so that the world can be put on notice of just who

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## GOVERNOR'S POSITION WAS RIGHT

The clamor of the anti-Ferguson howlers for quick validation of certain road bonds was met by Governor Ferguson with the statement that advertisement of proposals to create road districts was necessary, but this will not stop the clamor; which like all the sputterings of the haters of the Fergusons was based on malice and not on law or logic. In this connection the Fayette County Record makes this comment:

"Notwithstanding that some radical anti-Ferguson legislators held that it was not necessary for the Road Districts to advertise in newspapers the proposed special laws validating the outstanding road district bonds, the committee in charge of the 461 special acts, after conferring with an assistant attorney general, decided to advertise as held by the governor that it was necessary to do. By and by they will admit that the governor was right, all the way in the validation matter and that their howl was only to discredit her."

Even the opinion given by the attorney general's office vindicating the position of the governor in this controversy will not affect the yawnings of these Ferguson haters. Neither law, truth nor square-dealing means anything in their careers when they can raise a clamor against the Fergusons.

## A PREDICTION

Editor Forum:

In Pat Neff's second term the legislature appropriated \$46,000,000. In Mrs. Ferguson's term the legislature appropriated only \$36,000,000 and we had as efficient service as was ever known. The writer's opinion is the next legislature will appropriate \$50,000,000. No better results, if as good as Mrs. Mrs. Ferguson's administration for \$36,000,000.

No doubt a bill will be passed by the house to sell the penitentiary and to repeal the Search and Seizure Law. And the Anti-Mask Law. The only hope we can cherish, is that the senate will refuse to concur on house bills along these lines.

The Ku Klux-Butteites are howling about Mrs. Ferguson not resigning at once. Have they forgotten that they failed to keep their promise, (pledge) to vote for the Democratic nominee? LEA BEATY.

Lockhart, Texas.

## MOODY'S AFFIDAVIT VERSUS OTHER AFFIDAVITS

The Dallas News prefers to cast doubt upon the truth of the affidavit made by Dan Moody to his expense account, in which Mr. Moody, in compliance with the election laws, sets out specifically the names of contributors to his campaign expenses and the amounts contributed, and accepts the statements and affidavit of Marshall Hicks, sponsored and corroborated by Lee Satterwhite that Mr. Moody did not state the truth in his affidavit.

Commenting editorially upon the charge that Moody had violated the election law in accepting contributions to his campaign fund from other candidates, the News attempts to show that Moody did not know what was in his affidavit while the affidavits of Marshall Hicks, Robert Lee Bobbitt and Lee Satterwhite must be accepted, according to the Dallas News logic, as indubitably true and correct. Why asperse Mr. Moody's veracity by setting the partisan affidavits of his personal friends and supporters above what Mr. Moody has sworn to as true?

This is the way the Dallas News casts doubt upon Mr. Moody's affidavit:

"However, since both the gentlemen whom Mr. Ferguson accuses of having contributed to Mr. Moody's campaign fund have made affidavit that they were merely the remitters and not the donors of the money contributed, it is evident that, even as Mr. Ferguson would have it interpreted, the law was not offered in the transactions which he has cited. Unless Mr. Ferguson has evidence which will disprove those affidavits, he has no case in law which any Judge worthy of his ermine would even seriously consider."

The evidence by which these affidavits, held so veracious by the News, is disposed is the affidavit of Dan Moody, candidate for governor, now on file in the office of the secretary of state. Would the News say that this affidavit is a perjured document? What higher claim have the makers of these other affidavits to acceptance as truth than has Dan Moody, whose campaign slogan is "honesty?"

Crop conditions in Texas are good and there are signs of improvement in business.

There is little time before the second primary but there is time for all Texans to get the truth about the situation and cast their votes untrammelled and unintimidated by the klan and its agents.

Marshall Hicks, of San Antonio, undertakes to speak for R. L. Bobbitt and also for Lee Satterwhite in attempting to prove that the affidavit made by Moody to his expense account and contributions to his campaign is not true. Is Hicks' affidavit of greater weight than that of Moody?

The Forum is in receipt of a letter from V. F. Pool, Madill, Okla., voicing regret over the outcome of the first primary in Texas and adding: "I wanted to move to Texas, but not now." There yet is a prospect that Mr. Pool can escape Klan-ridden Oklahoma and enjoy in Texas the freedom guaranteed by the constitution.

As the days pass it is evident that the Forum is more and more needed as a medium for carrying the truth about Texas politics to the people. Read it, subscribe for it and ask your neighbor to subscribe for it. The future is filled with matters of deepest interest to the whole people and the Forum will tell all about them. Get the Forum.

Because a Texan was sent to Mississippi as grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan the members of the hooded and be-sheeted organization in the home state of the late Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy, have rebelled and the klan at Jackson, one of the chief cities of the state, has disbanded. Lack of interest in the klan also is given as a reason for disbanding.

Under the bill passed by congress and signed by President Coolidge there is available a fund of \$100,000 a year for five years from the national treasury "for the purpose of determining the location, extent and mode of occurrence of potash deposits in the United States and conducting the necessary laboratory tests incident thereto." The secretary of the interior and secretary of commerce are charged with the administration of the law and have full authority to negotiate with owners of lands and arrange for the proper testing of the soil for potash deposits. This means much for Texas and efforts have been made in the law to prevent profiteering.

# MOODY'S CAMPAIGN EXPENSES

Dan Moody is said, by his friends, to be a very brilliant young lawyer. He, himself, talks much about honesty in Government. For six months he took up the time of four Travis County Grand Juries, seeking to get some evidence upon which to indict some public official.

It is said that chickens will come home to roost. It looks like now that there is one old rooster sitting on Dan's roost that he will not be able to make hush for a long time to come. Candidates for office are required to file a statement both before and after primary elections. The election law prohibits the contribution of campaign funds by one candidate to another. In Dan's report to the Secretary of State of his campaign expenses he admitted that Lee Satterwhite, candidate for the legislature from the Panhandle country, had contributed \$250.00 to his campaign fund. He, also, admitted that R. L. Bobbitt of Laredo, also a candidate for the legislature, and likewise a candidate for speaker, had contributed \$250.00 to his campaign fund. It appears, from the meager report from Moody Campaign Headquarters, that Mr. Satterwhite sent his money on the 22d of May and Mr. Bobbitt sent his on the 11th of June. The law provides that if any candidate shall violate the provisions of the election law, he shall thereby forfeit his right to have his name placed on the primary ballot or on the official ballot at the general election. So now Dan and his friends are in a peck of trouble and are trying to explain it away. In one breath they say the fund was contributed by Bobbitt and Satterwhite for someone else and yet they are confronted by Moody's affidavit that they contributed it in their own name and then when they say that the money was given for someone else they are confronted with the affidavit which Moody had made, stating that he had given the correct names of those who had contributed it to his campaign fund.

The good lawyers all say that it makes no difference which theory is true, that there has been a violation of the law committed. They contend that when Dan Moody accepted the contributions from Satterwhite and Bobbitt that, so far as Moody is concerned, he cannot deny that he did not receive the contributions from Satterwhite and Bobbitt as shown in his sworn statement and that he is bound by his act in so doing regardless of who might have given the money to Satterwhite and Bobbitt.

The effect of the law would be that even if Moody should win in the August Run-off primary it would confer no right upon him to hold the governor's office and his name could be kept off of the general election ticket in November. As Satterwhite and Bobbitt were so closely and intimately connected with the Moody campaign and on account of their close personal relations, Mr. Moody will have a hard time to convince anybody that he did not know that Satterwhite and Bobbitt both were candidates for office. And knowing said things, he would come under the condemnation of the law in giving from one candidate to another candidate.

The vital question to the voter is will he or she lose their vote by voting for Mr. Moody. It would appear from the reading of the law that such will undoubtedly be the case. The law bearing on Mr. Moody's escapade reads as follows:

ART. 267—"Any candidate for a nomination in a primary election or his campaign manager or the assistant campaign manager, who shall directly or indirectly himself or by or through another person, give, pay, expend or contribute any money or thing of value for the furtherance of the candidacy of any other candidate shall be fined not to exceed one thousand dollars or be confined in jail not to exceed one year, or both—Revised Crim. Statutes, 1925.

ART. 268—"Any candidate or other person who furnishes, gives, or delivers to another person any money or other thing of value to be used in violation of or for any purpose prohibited by any provision of this chapter and any person who receives or accepts any money or thing of value to be used in violation of or for any purpose prohibited by any provision of this chapter shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00, or by confinement in jail for not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment, or by confinement in the penitentiary for not less than one nor more than five years.—Revised Crim. Statutes, 1925.

ART. 269—Each candidate for nomination in a primary election and every campaign manager or assistant campaign manager for any such candidate, is hereby required to keep an accurate record of all funds received and disbursed for campaign purposes, which record shall be preserved for a period of twelve months, and shall be open to inspection of all opposing candidates and qualified voters, and every candidate and campaign manager is hereby required to file a sworn statement of all monies previously received or disbursed by him, including money borrowed and liabilities incurred but not paid, not more than thirty nor less than twenty-five days prior to the date of the primary election, and not more than twelve nor less than eight days prior to the date of the primary election. Each such statement shall include all the items contained in all statements previously made in accordance with the requirements of this article if any, and shall include the names of all contributors to any campaign fund handled by the party making the same, and the names of all persons from whom any money has been received or from whom any money has been borrowed for such fund, and the names of all persons to whom disbursements exceeding ten dollars in amount have been made and the purposes of such disbursements. Such statement shall also set forth that it is as full and explicit as the party making it is able to make, and party making it shall before some officer qualified to administer oaths, take and subscribe the following oath, which shall be filed with said statement.

"I do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement filed herewith correctly shows all monies received by me and disbursed by me or in my behalf or with my knowledge or consent through or by any other person in connection with the candidacy of ..... for the nomination for ..... before the ..... primary election, and that I have neither directly or indirectly arranged or assented to, encouraged or connived at the spending of any money

other than as shown in said statement, and that I have not violated any provision of the laws of Texas, governing primary elections of the expenditure of funds in connection with a candidacy for a nomination in such primary election in letter or in spirit."

Such statements and oaths shall be filed within the times required by this article by candidates for State and District nominations and their campaign managers with the Secretary of State, and by candidates for County nominations and their campaign managers and by the assistant campaign managers of candidates for State and District nominations with the County Clerk of the County in which they reside.

Whoever shall wilfully and corruptly make any false oath, affidavit or sworn statements in complying with the requirements of this article shall be fined not to exceed \$1,000.00 or be confined in jail for not more than one year, or both, or be confined in the penitentiary not less than one nor more than five years.—Revised Crim. Statutes, 1925.

ART. 3173—Any candidate who shall knowingly violate, or who shall knowingly permit or assent to the violation of any provision of this chapter by any campaign manager or assistant campaign manager, or other person, shall thereby forfeit his right to have his name placed upon the primary ballot, or if nominated in the primary election, to have his name placed on the official ballot at the general election. Proceedings by quo warranto to enforce the provisions of this article, or to determine the right of any candidate alleged to have violated any provision of this chapter, to have his name placed on the primary ballot, or the right of any nominee alleged to have violated any provision of this chapter to have his name placed upon the official ballot for the general election, may be instituted at the suit of any citizen in the district court of any county, the citizens of which are entitled to vote for or against any candidate who may be charged in such proceedings with any such violation. All such proceedings so instituted shall be advanced, and summarily heard and disposed of by both the trial and appellate courts.—Revised Civil States, 1925.

## DEMOCRAT REBUKES DALLAS NEWS

A correspondent who signs the name Linnie W. Barrett has written a communication to the Dallas News that voices the thoughts and sentiments of thousands of the readers of that paper as to the character of its news reports. The News is taken to task for inaccuracy and negligence in making its report of the Dallas county convention which assembled under a call for a democratic county convention. The correspondent tells the News that Joe Bailey was not hooted by democrats but by hoodlums and that the newspaper fails to tell its readers that Senator Bailey was greeted by goodly applause when he took the stand. Rev. A. C. Parker, prominent klanman and former Dallas Cyclops, the correspondent reminds the News called these hoodlums "roughnecks" and "low-brows." Then the News is charged with not touching in its story of the convention "the big development" of the assembly.

The communication is given here in full as indicative of the character of news reports of which the correspondent complains:

"To The News.

"The report of the Dallas County convention in Sunday's News was a great disappointment to me. I was present at the convention, as I have been at every county convention for the last eight or ten years, and I say here that I thoroughly understood what the lady meant when she arose from the middle of the auditorium and asked the chairman: 'Is this a democratic convention?' though some persons about me appeared at a loss to understand the meaning of her question. I afterward heard that the rest of her question was '—or a steam roller?' But, be that as it may, conventions come and conventions go, but let us hope democracy still goes on in spite of such undemocratic meetings as of Saturday.

"Now, regarding your report of the convention, when you take into consideration that the headlines tell the story, I think The News only told half a truth in many respects and absolutely mistated the facts in the head line, 'Democrats of Dallas Hoot Joseph W. Bailey.' This was not the case and no uncertain terms. The fact is that after the chairman had read the 'platform' prepared by the 'steering committee,' Senator Bailey went to the platform, as any democrat had a right to do, and certainly no one has a greater right than has Joseph W. Bailey, democrat.

"Senator Bailey was greeted with a very goodly applause by the democrats of Dallas county (Senator Bailey's worst enemies appreciate his democracy), and that in the face of the fact that he had supported the losing candidate in the primary election. A few hoodlums and roughnecks (Dr. A. C. Parker characterized them as 'roughnecks' and 'low-brows'), indulged themselves in making a lot of noise, preventing the majority of good democrats present hearing Senator Bailey, but no democrat objected to hearing Senator Bailey, for the very good reason that no democrat objects to hearing both sides of a cause, though they may not agree with the speaker.

"Regarding your statement, 'Only one voice was heard in support of Mr. Bailey's contention' and the adoption was by acclamation,' there were hundreds of people in the audience in thorough sympathy with Senator Bailey's contention, and so expressed themselves. The Dallas News may have lost all sense of fair play, but the people of Dallas county have not.

"Then, there was the big development of the convention, which The News did not touch in its story. Is the News suffering with failing eyesight and poor hearing, or has The News developed a case of cold feet?"

"LINNIE W. BARRETT,

"Dallas."

It appears that the klan still is very much in the saddle in Oklahoma.

Election returns show that the Klan got the "Kan" in Kansas. That gives us a higher opinion of Kansas.

The klan was the issue in the Alabama primary last Tuesday. The klan still is an issue in Texas.

The spectacle of Tom Love talking about anybody violating a promise is one of the political pictures which cause Texans to smile.

When a candidate or campaign manager swears to a statement of contributions received he is supposed to know what he is doing and Marshall Hicks, corroborated by Lee Satterwhite, is without authority to change his sworn statement.

Klan intolerance is showing its malignant head again and soon we may expect this organization which places falsehood above allegiance to law and order to resume river bottom tribunals and midnight tar parties.

Counties which sought to escape holding run-off primaries cannot do so according to a decision handed down by one of Attorney General Dan Moody's assistants. Where candidates for state offices did not receive a majority it is ruled that every county must hold a second primary election.

Errors made by the Texas Election Bureau in compilation of the returns from the primary election for governor placed Milam county in the Moody column, but when this error was corrected and the 3,000 votes added to Moody's vote in that county were deducted it was shown that Moody had failed to receive a majority of the votes cast for governor.

## Hatcher Owes Office to Fergusons He Is Told by J. R. Ball

Austin, Tex., Aug. 11.—J. R. Ball, in the run-off primary for state treasurer, issued a statement Monday denying the charge that former Governor James E. Ferguson is conducting his campaign. The charge made by W. Gregory Hatcher, Ball's opponent, that "Ferguson is running me in his wholly untrue," Ball's statement read.

The statement follows: "In reply to W. Gregory Hatcher's attack on me in a speech made at Hico Aug. 6, charging me as being Ferguson's candidate for state treasurer, I wish to say to W. Gregory Hatcher and to the people of Texas that if Fergusonism is a crime then he condemns himself; he is a creature of Fergusonism. He holds the office of state treasurer today by the good will of James E. Ferguson solely and alone, and is now turning his back on the man who made him simply because he thinks it popular to do so. Ingratitude has been condemned by all men and all ages.

"His charge that Ferguson is running me is wholly untrue. I have known Mr. Ferguson personally, less than one year. If he is supporting my candidacy for the office of state treasurer then I am grateful for his support, but I am running my own race and will go into office under obligations to no one in particular but with a feeling of gratitude to the thousands of people who supported me."

## Bonds of 549 Road Districts in 126 Counties Affected

Austin, Tex., Aug. 11.—When the legislature meets in special session here September 13 at call of Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson, it will be asked to validate 549 road districts in 126 counties, L. W. Kemp, member of the special legislative committee of the Texas Highway association, said Saturday.

Notices of intention to apply to the legislature for validation were mailed out Saturday to chambers of commerce in every district which has a chamber of commerce. The chambers of commerce will be asked to bear expense of publishing the notice in a newspaper of the district. Similar notices also have been mailed also to county judges.

Collin and Milam counties top the list of counties, each having 23 road districts to be validated.

A list of the counties involved, together with the number of districts in each follows:

- Anderson, Atascosa 3, Austin 4, Bandera 3, Bastrop 7, Blanco 5, Bowie 5, Brown 3, Brazoria 15, Burnet 2, Brazos 2, Bosque 4, Briscoe 3, Bailey, Camp 2, Crosby 3, Colorado 2, Comanche 4, Cottle 2, Cameron 2, Cooke 2, Cherokee 4, Calhoun 3, Caldwell 6, Coleman 5, Callahan 2, Clay 4, Chambers 4, Cass 11, Coma 23, Dallas, Dickens, Dimmitt 3, De Witt 6, Denton 4, El Paso 2, Erath 3, Ellis 13, Falls 6, Frio, Fort Bend 5, Fayette 9, Fannin 20, Fisher 5, Gillespie, Garza, Guadalupe 4, Gonzales 7, Grayson 8, Hood, Hays, Haskell, Hidalgo, Hartley, Hemphill, Hall 4, Harris, Hardin 3, Hopkins 8, Henderson 10, Hill 10, Houston 11, Jeff Davis, Jefferson, Jackson 2, Jones, Johnson, Jasper 6, Kimble, Kent 3, Knox, Kerr 3, Kendall 3, Karnes 5, Kaufman 7, Lamb 2, Lavaca 2, Lee 4, Lubbock, Lamar, Leon 5, Live Oak 5, Limestone 3, Menard, McMullen, McLennan 8, Montague 3, McCulloch 2, Mason 2, Madison 2, Medina 2, Morris 4, Matagorda 6, Milam 23, Nolan, Nueces, Newton 4, Navarro 13, Orange, Palo Pinto, Panola 6, Reeves 3, Refugio 4, Runnels 2, Robertson 8, Red River 17, Shackelford, Stonewall, San Patricio 5, Sabine 12, San Augustine 5, San Jacinto 7, Shelby 7, Smith 6, Taylor 6, Uvalde 2, Van Zandt 5, Victoria 4, Wilson 2, Wichita, Willbarger, Wheeler 4, Williamson 3, Waller 5, Wise 3, Zavalla 4.

## Beautiful Girl at Dallas Is Branded By Jealous Women

Dallas, Tex., Aug. 11.—Police are investigating a report that a beautiful Dallas girl was branded on the face and neck with a hot curling iron by two jealous women. They said arrests were expected soon.

The girl, her face bearing the marks of the hot iron and her eyesight impaired, was taken to a Dallas hospital for treatment where she remained for two weeks before the attack was reported.

Screams of the girl were said to have attracted other occupants of the apartment house where she resided, and when the door was broken in she was lying on a bed with two women standing over her.

Believing that no report be made to the police, for fear of publicity, the girl asked to be taken to a hospital. Later she was removed to the home of a relative who reported the attack and asked police to investigate.

Her beauty is said to be marred for life and she is in seclusion at the home of the relative until her attackers have been found and complaints filed.

## Girder Falling From Dizzy Height Carries Worker to His Death

New York, Aug. 11.—A workman who had ridden an iron girder aloft above a Fifth avenue building site fell with it at a terrific rate when the cable supporting it snapped and was crushed to death.

The driver of a heavy truck, stationary on the site, looked up to see the girder start its fall. It was directly above him. He jumped from his seat into the path of a taxicab, which struck him and fractured his leg. The truck was demolished.

# To the People of Texas:

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this lawless element is who are seeking to get control of the government for private ends and selfish purposes.

Flushed with victory the Ku Klux Klan in Galveston have brought suit to set aside the ordinance of that city preventing these unlawful parades pulled off by the vicious Klan organization for the purposes of intimidating and terrorizing the people.

As soon as I learned these facts and saw what was brewing I decided to renew by candidacy and insist upon my rights to go into the run-off, and to give battle to Mr. Moody and his Ku Klux Klan that seek to destroy the fundamental principles of liberty upon which this government was founded. My duty to my state at this time to continue as a candidate, is far greater than my personal preference for private life. God will give me courage to stand for the right in this contest and I ask the people everywhere to take up this gaue of battle thrown down to us by the Ku Klux and let us win a glorious victory on August 28th.

## The People's Fight

The short time intervening, and the small amount of money available to me will not permit of any extensive speaking campaign, or the maintenance of any expensive headquarters by me. This is the people's fight. I am only the representative of their views. I ask our friends in every voting box in Texas to organize openly and boldly. Let's have no more gum-shoeing campaign. That is the Ku Klux way. The democratic way is open and aboveboard. Get fifty people together in your voting box. If you can not get fifty, get forty. If you cannot get forty, get twenty, and if you cannot do any better get ten, and elect one of your number chairman and another one secretary and pass a resolution that you are against Mr. Moody and the Ku Klux. Ask others to join you and it will not be ten days before your list will be overflowing. If the 285,000 fearless, independent democrats who voted for me will only ask some other voter to join them in my support, we will win a victory grand and glorious for the good of our country.

Don't let anybody discourage you because Mr. Moody happened to have a strong lead over me. Don't forget that two years ago the Ku Klux candidate had a lead over me of 46,000 votes in the first primary, but the people rallied to my support and I defeated the Ku Klux Klan by 96,000 votes, a clear change of 142,000 votes in thirty days. Don't forget that Mr. Moody has no majority in the democratic primary. Of the some 820,000 votes cast in the election, Mr. Moody lacks 1770 votes of having a majority, and of that great number of votes, more people said that they did not want Mr. Moody then said that they did want him. Thousands upon thousands of people voted for him in utter ignorance of the secret work of the Ku Klux Klan in his election, and now since they have learned the facts and see the danger that threatens the people, more than 100,000 people of Mr. Moody's supporters will turn away from him and vote for me in this campaign.

## Mr. Moody's Campaign Expenses

Again when I expressed the tentative intention to withdraw from the race, I did not know that Mr. Moody had admitted in his sworn affidavit that he had received contributions from other candidates in violation of the law which prohibits him receiving contributions from other candidates. After Mr. Moody swore, by his affidavit now on file in the office of the Secretary of State that he received \$250.00 contribution from Mr. Satterwhite, a candidate for the legislature in the Panhandle country, and \$250.00 contribution from Mr. Bobbitt, a candidate for the legislature from the Rio Grande country, for the purpose of Mr. Moody's campaign expenses, he has forfeited his right to go on the democratic ticket or the general election ticket in November, and also forfeited his right to hold the office. Mr. Moody must take one of two positions. If he did not know that he was violating the law, then let him say so, and we will hear no more of this talk about the brilliance and ability of the attorney general. If he wants to say that he did not know that Mr. Bobbitt and Mr. Satterwhite were candidates, then let him say that and let the people draw their own conclusions. I am determined to insist upon my candidacy and my right to be the next governor of Texas because of Mr. Moody's forfeiture of his right, and under the law he can not claim any votes in the democratic primary because he is disqualified to receive them. I not only have led him 25,000 votes but I have led him 285,000 under the election laws of the state. When his friends begin to talk about somebody resigning I suggest that they read Mr. Moody's campaign expense record, sworn to by him, in connection with the laws of the state.

## Bond Validation

They said I was afraid to call the legislature together for the purpose of bond validation because I was afraid of an investigation of my office and the offices appointive under me. Complying with my promise I have called the legislature together for the purpose of validating the road bonds and have invited the legislature to investigate every department of the government. They now say that they don't want any investigation, and the people now understand that the opposition has been urging a false issue in this campaign.

## Gasoline Tax

Let me again urge as I have in my original platform, the passage of the 3-cent gasoline tax on every gallon of gas sold in Texas. I want also to reduce the tax on cars at least 50%, and the remaining 50% collected to be given to the counties for the support of their roads. I want to give one-third of the tax collected to the maintenance of the State Highway Department which has to be maintained in order that the state may continue to obtain federal aid. We must have schools and we must have roads, and we must look to other sources of revenue to pay for roads and schools. Real estate in town and country is now taxed to the breaking point. Of every tax dollar collected, 69 cents comes from the tax on country, town and city real es-

tate. Therefore, we must look elsewhere for revenue to educate our children and to build our roads and maintain them. The big oil companies are fighting me teeth and toenail to prevent my election on this platform. With their money coupled with the Ku Klux organization, they obtained a large vote in the last primary. The charge made by my husband in a public speech that the general attorney of one of the big oil companies had said that "if we can defeat Mrs. Ferguson and elect Mr. Moody, we will save five million dollars a year that would go to the roads and schools." His statement has not been denied and will not be denied because it is true and the statement was made.

## The Schools and Roads

The issue in the campaign is the oil companies, the Ku Klux Klan and Mr. Moody on one side, and Ma Ferguson, the people and the school children on the other side. Mother, Father, take your choice in this campaign. Personally, defeat would mean very little to me. I have been a silent sufferer through ten years of eventful political life. I am used to the pangs of defeat and the pleasure of victory. There is not much difference between them. But my heart goes out to the 1,300,000 children in Texas and I want to take no chances on their education. If I am elected, and the gas tax is passed, we will have \$15.00 per capita for the children in the next scholastic year. If Mr. Moody is elected on his platform, opposed to this, the scholastic term must be cut down and the construction of new roads will be impossible.

MIRIAM A. FERGUSON.

## John B. Davis Named Secretary-Manager of Fat Stock Show

Port Worth, Tex., Aug. 11.—John B. Davis has been elected secretary-manager of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, to succeed Ed Rr. Henry, who has resigned. John Birdsong has been re-elected assistant secretary-manager.

Mr. Davis, who has been in charge of the ticket sales at the exposition for the last eight years, will assume duties of his new office about Aug. 15, it is said by Wan Zant Jarvis, president of the board of directors.

## Mr. Henry had been secretary-manager since May, 1923, and during his tenure of office the exposition was greatly expanded.

## Perryton Shipments of Wheat to Aug. 7 1,595,000 Bushels

Perryton, Tex., Aug. 11.—Perryton elevators shipped this season up to August 7, 1,100 cars of wheat. The average number of bushels per car was 1,450, making 1,595,000 bushels of wheat shipped by the loyal elevators of this city this season. In

addition to the above shipment there are approximately 350,000 bushels of wheat stored in local elevators and piled on the ground. One grain company has had 150,000 bushels of wheat piled on the ground for the last two weeks, but with the car situation relieved much of the wheat which has been piled on the ground is now being stored or shipped.

It is estimated there will be shipped from Perryton this season 3,000,000 bushels of wheat and in the Perryton trade territory between 4,000,000 and 5,000,000 bushels, which considerably exceeds the first estimation. Row crops have done well this summer, but are beginning to need rain.

## Franklin County to Send Young Farmers to 1926 State Fair

Four hundred boys and girls from Franklin county—members of the country agricultural clubs working under the extension department of A. & M. College—attended the State Fair & Texas in 1925 on "Franklin County Day."

There'll be a thousand of them this year.

That's the advice from W. D. Seale, Fair of Texas in 1925 on "Franklin county, who has written Secretary W. H. Stratton of the Fair association, asking whether the thousand youngsters can be accommodated.

Mr. Stratton as replied that they can, and "will be at" the Fair on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 15 and 16. Those dates follow the close of the regular boys' club encampment on Oct. 14.

Franklin county merchants and business men, appreciating the educational advantages of the State Fair, and that the farm boys and girls of today are the prosperous agriculturists and producers of tomorrow, inaugurated the State Fair trip last year as a part of their program of keeping in close touch with the embryo farm owners and operators.

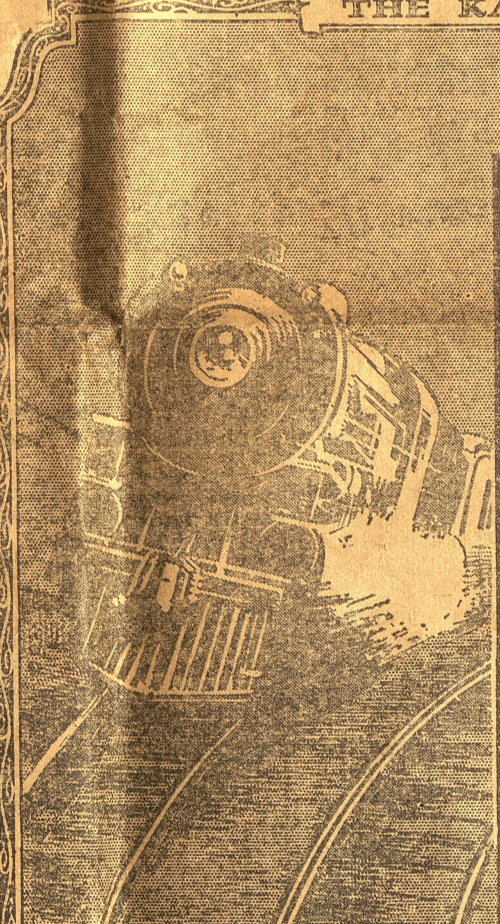
It is expected that other counties will emulate the example of Franklin county.

County Agent Seale also advised Secretary Stratton that Franklin county exhibit, which will be entered in the contest for the \$10,000 premiums offered by the Fair for the first ten exhibits as the result of scoring extending over a period of five years.

## Hiram Evans Chosen Again as Imperial Wizard of Ku Klux

Little Rock, Ark., Aug. 11.—Dr. Hiram Wesley Evans of Dallas has been re-elected to a four year term as Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, subject to confirmation at the third annual convention in Washington September 13.

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Returns by Counties in Governor's Race by Election Bureau

Following is the tabulation of the vote by counties for candidates for governor certified by the democratic state executive committee at Dallas, August 9:

Table with columns for County, Davidson, Ferguson, Moody, Williams, Zimmerman. Lists counties and their respective vote counts.

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Hails Forum as Medium by Which Untainted News May Be Gained by the People

Editor Forum:

Enclosed herewith please find check for \$4.00 for two subscriptions to the Forum, one to be mailed to J. Q. Snell, Lovelady, Texas, Box 85, the other to myself, his son, at 409 State National Bank Building, Houston, Texas.

I feel and believe this is our primary medium through which we may speak and through which we may expect to receive the news untainted and unsubsidized by special interests. The recent campaign through which we have gone has convinced me that no longer may we expect service unsubsidized from the public press of our state, for practically every paper in this state, the little weeklies included, was subsidized by the special interests of this state, for the purpose of bringing about the defeat of our governor, the governor and her husband, our former governor, who actually during their administrations caused the enactment of more legislation for the benefit of the people than any other governor during the history of this great state.

The 282,000 independent, free-thinking and free-acting citizens who cast their vote in the recent primary for Governor Ferguson, did so in the face of criticism, and intimidation heretofore unheralded in any campaign that was ever waged in this great commonwealth. I feel and believe these 282,000 voters can be depended upon to maintain their spirit of independence and individual action, and that in future political campaigns they will be heard from in no uncertain terms, and I am quite certain that their numbers will be increased, for others seeing their independence and courage will take courage and declare themselves and refuse longer to be servile and subservient to the interest of the special interests, and a few political semi-demigods and demagogues.

I sincerely hope that the Forum can find its way into the home of the masses of the citizenship of this state, and I only wish that we were able—that we could bring about the establishment of a Daily Forum dedicated and consecrated to the interests of the people of this state, the interest that has been so ably represented and so well looked after by Governor Ferguson, for the God in Heaven knows, that no longer can we expect the daily papers owned by millionaires, and the weekly papers subsidized by millionaires, to speak the truth and to defend, as in days of yore, the interests of the people.

There are so many people that believe everything they read, that it is essential and necessary that we have some medium through which and by which we can reveal to them, that many of the things they read are no longer the true facts in the case.

Wishing the Forum and its editor the very best of success, and praying that God in Heaven will give them strength to endure and persevere, I am,

Sincerely your friend, JOHN N. SNELL,

Houston, Texas, Aug. 6, 1926.

Finds Total of Less Than 100,000 Democrats Voted Moody; Gives Analysis

Editor Forum:

It is evident to all who care to see that the voters are divided into three camps—the two old parties, and the K. K. K. The K. K. K., it is true, disclaim any party alignment, but claimed the privilege of voting in both parties, and it is an evident fact they have taken full advantage of said privilege. Democrats in July, republicans in November; two years later democrats again.

Personally I have no dislike for the K. K. K., but as a secret political party, operating as a flying corps against the democratic party, they will have to be reckoned with now, or the real democrats are soon to become the invisible party in Texas; in fact, there are 400,000 democrats in Texas today without a nominee; they have voted three times against the K. K. K., and I can't see any reason why they are honor-bound to face about and support the K. K. K. nominee for governor.

I have not found the democratic Moody landslide, but have found, after making the most liberal allowance in his favor,

Dinner Horn Used to Call Jim Hogg From Toil to Sound Again

Mineola, Tex., Aug. 11.—J. F. Reeves, an old resident of Mineola, has an old fashioned cow horn used on the farm when James Stephen Hogg, former governor of Texas, was a lad, to call him, with other workmen, to dinner. When the agricultural day dinner is given at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas this year the diners will be summoned to the banquet, just as Governor Hogg was when a boy, by the dinner horn. A veteran bugler of the Civil war is said to be practicing a mess call on the homely instrument.

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that his total democratic vote was less than 100,000. The 1924 election will prove the above statement.

In the second primary of 1924 the same 414,000 votes that gave Mrs. Ferguson the nomination made Moody the nominee for attorney general. Again in November 422,000 democrats made Mrs. Ferguson governor, and the same democrats made Moody attorney general. In 1926 Mrs. Ferguson and Davidson received more than 400,000 democratic votes. I say democrats advisedly, for it is not possible to concede that the voters who bolted the democratic party in November, and voted for Butte came back in the party and voted for either Ferguson or Davidson; but it is a plausible conclusion that they did not.

We will now leave these 400,000 regular democrats, who some time after November, 1924, got out of the Moody band wagon, and see if we cannot identify at least 300,000 of the bunch that got on. Out of 730,000 votes polled in the November, 1924 election, the democrats got only 422,000. Conceding 200,000 of these were K. K. Ks., 100,000 republicans must have voted in the democratic primary in 1924. If my deductions are correct, 200,000 K. K. Ks. and 125,000 republicans, allowing for some increase in two years, must have voted for Moody in 1926.

Moody is some trader. His followers are some jumpers, and haven't quit jumping yet. Those republicans will jump again in November and vote for the other side. Those people who have done the jumping have also preached the doctrine that we are not honor-bound to support anybody, and can vote in the election as we please, and have clinched that argument by voting in two parties.

I claim that Moody made a bad trade; 400,000 democrats, all true, never have been counter-branded; all privates; officers all eloped with the K. K. Ks. and the republicans. We are all "on the outside looking in;" does anybody want us?

Mr. Moody may be the Moses that is proclaimed to be; I don't think so; but do think he and his followers, or leaders, as you please, have given the republicans an even chance to elect a republican governor for the first time since Texas became a state.

Respectfully, R. A. CARTER.

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The Ferguson Forum is authorized to announce the following candidates for the offices listed before their names, subject to the action of the democratic primaries to be held Saturday, August 28, 1926:

- For State Treasurer: J. R. BALL, of Fannin County. For County Judge: OWEN P. CARPENTER. For Commissioner, Precinct No. 8: W. M. McDONALD. S. E. WHITE

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JIM FERGUSON, EDITOR