

Rainbow
Somervell County
Texas
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Hon Amon G Carter
c/o Fort Worth Star Telegram
Fort Worth, Texas,

Dear Sir:--

You will find enclosed Five Dollars, (\$5.00) which please apply toward a subscription to the Star Telegram.

Heretofore the writer has not been numbered as a subscriber to your publication. He feels now that he should become one.

As the Governor of Texas has seen fit to reprimand you, it seems proper that one occupying a HIGHER position than that of Governor of Texas, should offer you a little encouragement. That position higher than Governor, it may be said, by way of explanation is that of CITIZEN of Texas, to whom the Governor and other State Officers are accountable. A Citizen, who in a Political sense has no friends or helpers to reward and no enemies to punish. A Citizen, who is too independent to WANT any public office-- and who does not trim any sails to catch the passing breeze-- and, who, therefore, is neither any hope, fear, or expectation of receiving any Political favor.

The Governor charges you with being intoxicated, and as proof refers to the fact that you shouted for A & M and for Dan Moody. It may be regarded as rather doubtful that the Governor intends to imply that shouting for A & M is an Evidence of Intoxication. It must be the other count in the indictment, on which you are really being tried. Herein lies the difference between the Governor of Texas and those occupying the HIGHER position of Citizen. Probably at least half of the Citizenship of the State will recognize, in the fact that you cheered for A & M an evidence that your mind was in splendid working order, and all those favoring the University Team, who might have doubts, on account of your shouting for A & M would be reassured when it became known that you shouted for Dan Moody.

Since the "Dry" acts, supposedly became effective, the writer has neither sold nor bought any intoxicating liquor. Neither has he given any away or had any given to him. He has not drunk, and has not been present when others were drinking intoxicating beverage. But if expressing commendation of the Attorney General is evidence of intoxication the writer could be easily convicted of drunkenness.

The Governor seems worried in the fear that an evil example may be set before the Students of Texas Tech, and the opinion is expressed that any student of Texas Tech may justify becoming intoxicated by an example set.

Why limit this logic to any one class of offense, or to any one Institution and any one place. Could not any student of any educational institution anywhere commit any offense, whether it be Murder, Rape, Robbery, Arson, Larceny or what not, and point to a higher example than an humble Newspaper publisher for justification? Could he not commit most any crime described in the Criminal Code, and then point to the Governor's pardon record as evidence that punishment ought not to follow.

The writer has no personal acquaintance either with the Governor or the Attorney General. His opinion of both is based entirely on the RECORD of the Governor and the record of the Attorney General. But as long as he could prove that he was worth less than \$5,000, what would be to prevent any Student of any Texas Educational Institution from, not merely on Thanksgiving Day but every day, not merely drinking, but actually engaging in the manufacture of intoxicants, on the campus of any State Educational Institution, in Texas?

But let us consider the question, of example to young people, Students or non students, from another angle. If, considering a Public Office a Public Trust, a young official cares to combat powerful financial and political influences, and succeeds in saving hundreds of thousands of dollars for his State, may no one shout his commendation without being reprimanded by the Governor of the State? What incentive goes this offer to the young Citizenship of the State to be on guard, bravely in defense of the interests of the Commonwealth?

Does not the condition of any one person on any one day windle into nothingness, as compared with the condition of a State in which none dare shout approval of a fearless public servant every day?

The pitiful part, of the Spectacle from the standpoint of the Public welfare is not that some one DID shout approval of the Attorney General. The pathetic part of the story is that the Governor did NOT.

Mr. Publisher, I am NOT trying to break into print. I crave neither fame nor notoriety. This letter is just to you. DO NOT publish it. Just read it as a means of knowing how the folks out in the Cedar brakes consider this question.

The parting wish is expressed however, that if you really have some beverage which will cause people to awaken to appreciation of the service of the Attorney General, that you may be able to find some way to let every Citizen of Texas get a "snort" of it and if you can make it more effective by putting it into a "long cane" we shall prayerfully hope that you will do so.

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