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The Ferguson Aid Society

At the semi-annual meeting of the West Texas Road Maintenance Association at San Angelo recently, the organization was converted into a Ferguson Aid Society.

The meeting was dominated by Joe Burkett and the road hands. These road hands owed Joe for their jobs, and they showed their gratitude by electing him president of the Society. The boys did the handsome thing by adopting a resolution indorsing the (mal) administration of governor (by proxy) Jim Ferguson—especially that part of it per-

taining to roads.

The boys said that while the Association was non-political in its purpose, yet, it was a good time to show their appreciation of Jim and Joe because of their jobs. They didn't hurrah for Dan Moody, to speak of or say anything about the \$600,000 Dan induced the American Road Company to disgorge.

In their enthusiasm for Joe Burkett and Jim Ferguson, they forgot to say anything about the bridge across Cox Hollow on Highway No. 9, which was washed away last April, or the crossing on McKinzie Draw which was washed out at the same time. Matters like these were too insignificant to take up the valuable of the road hands in convention assembled. So far as the replacing of a washed out bridge which spans an ugly creek like Cox Hollow on Highway No. 9, and the making of a safe crossing on McKinzie was

concerned, was not mentioned by the Ferguson Aid Society. Little things like these don't concern these boys, anyway.

When we read the proceedings of the Ferguson Aid Society, and considered these bad places on Highway No. 9, and realized that through the damnable and inexcusable neglect and indifference of the State Highway Commission has cheated the travelling public and the citizens of Sterling County out of their just dues, it was insult added to injury when they indorsed an administration that is responsible for this neglect of a bounden duty, and we repaired to our private swearing grounds and passed the following resolution:

Whereas, when Sterling County turned over Highway No. 9 to the Highway Commission for maintenance, the same was a peach. The

bridges and creek crossing were in fine repair and the roads were nice and smooth; and, whereas, on the 25th day of April, A. D. 1925, there came a rain, and the waters thereof came down and washed out the crossing on McKinzie creek and the bridge across Cox Hollow where Highway No. 9 crosses the same; and, whereas, these creeks were made almost impassable, except for ducks and mud turtles, and the people have suffered great expense, inconvenience and annoyance thru this disaster; and, whereas, it was, and now is, the bounden duty of said Highway Commission to promptly have these damages repaired; and, whereas, said Commission has wholly failed and wilfully neglected to replace said bridge or make a safe crossing on McKinzie Creek. Now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by those present,

us: That said Commission those responsible for its personnel during the existence of this neglect, are a set of incompetent fakes who are loafing on the job; that they could not be trusted to feed offal to a blind pup, much less repair the crossing on McKinzie and replace the bridge over Cox Hollow; that those who are responsible for this shameful failure and neglect should be fired and their tobacco taken away from them; and that they are a disgrace to public service and not fit to chew grease in a soap factory. (Passed by 1 yea, and no nays.)