

Sensational Race for Governor in Texas Attracts Much Interest as Primaries Near



Texas is the scene of the year's most colorful gubernatorial campaign. Above, left, is Governor "Ma" Ferguson. Above, center, a glimpse of the Governor's mansion. Upper, right, "Jim" Ferguson, former governor and leading spirit in the new campaign. At the right center Dan Moody and, below, Lynch Davidson.

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Governor "Ma" Ferguson and her rival, Attorney General Dan Moody, have defied each other to the extent that each pledges to resign if the other gets more votes at the Texas primary. The "bet" has been denounced as "crap game" politics by Lynch Davidson, another candidate.

...the appointment of his successor.

Jim Ferguson is demonstrating more and more every day his shrewdness as a politician. He has brought forth the old Ku-Klux Klan issue and is striving might and main to use it against Moody, notwithstanding the fact that Moody's record, both as a public official and privately, shows he has opposed and fought that secret organization on all occasions. Ferguson charged that Moody is in sympathy with the Klan, if he never was actually a member of it. Moody denies that he ever had anything to do, directly or indirectly, with the organization. He also denies Ferguson's charge that he supported Earle B. Mayfield, Klan candidate for United States Senator.

In the mean while, some people are beginning to wonder what Governor Ferguson is doing and saying during this heated exchange of charges between her husband and Moody. She is somewhere far in the background, politically speaking. At the opening meeting of her campaign at Sulphur Springs she read a few words from manuscript. Since then Jim has been at the helm of her ship. As a matter of fact the people of Texas are showing absolutely no interest in Governor Ferguson. She might as well not be in the race so far as being a factor in the enthusiasm of the Ferguson followers is concerned.

Jim Ferguson occupies the center of the political stage. He is well aware of that fact and to all outward appearance his wife is not at all jealous of the plaudits of the public which he receives and the obscure position which she occupies in the public eye. It is well known that campaigning is distasteful to Governor Ferguson. It is not expected that she will make many appearances on the stump.



Austin, Tex., June 5.—Texas is in for one of the most colorful gubernatorial campaigns in years, no matter which way the wind blows, Mrs. Ferguson, with her husband as her staunchest supporter, has broadcast a challenge of the well-known "ringing" variety to her rivals; her foremost opponent has accepted the challenge with gusto; others have joined in until, whatever happens, the campaign is bound to become more and more a giddy melee.

Dan Moody, Texas' Attorney General, is the outstanding opponent of "Fergusonism," as he terms it. The other candidate is former Lieutenant Governor Lynch Davidson. Both are prominent and have the backing of large constituencies, but it remains to be seen whether these constituencies are large enough. The Ferguson regime has a strong hold on a great portion of the electorate.

The campaign got actively under way with "Jim" Ferguson's now famous Sulphur Springs speech in which he, speaking for "Ma" Ferguson, agreed that she would resign if she failed to get at least 25,000 votes more than Moody on the first primary, provided Moody will resign if he leads her by as many as one vote.

Moody picked up the gauntlet which she had thrown at his feet, declaring in his San Antonio speech that he is willing that the primary on July 24 shall be a test of whether the people of Texas endorse "Fergusonism." If the Fergusons are given

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