

'Ma' Ferguson Says Victory Is Death of Klan

Her Own Story of How She Broke Into Texas

Politics.

By Times Special
TEMPLE, Texas, Sept. 9.—Way out here among "the wide open spaces where men are men," as the cowboy-movie titles put it, and where the effects East popularly suppose that woman's place is in the kitchen with the babies, a woman has just smashed the power of the Ku-Klux Klan and has been elected Governor of the State.

Folks, meet Mrs. Miriam Amanda Ferguson otherwise known as "Ma."

"Home-loving body," as they say down here, grandmother, but lacking in gray hairs, somewhere about 47—thin lips, finely chiseled features—wife of former Governor Ferguson, who was impeached by the Legislature—proprietress of her husband's meat market here while he attended the Senate during which he was plain sort of woman who liked babies, knew what to do for the colic, dusts carefully in the corners and can fry a chicken to a turn.

Death-Knell to Klan

"I think," says Mrs. Ferguson, in discussing her victory, "that what happened in Texas is the death-knell of the Klan. I think it is a blow that is going to be felt in every other State where the Klan has a foothold. The voters of Texas had the issue before them. They acted."

A few years ago—nay, a few months ago—"Ma" Ferguson never had the slightest idea that she would be the next Governor. It was only when her husband was declared ineligible as a candidate, because of his previous impeachment, that she went into the race.

Folks say that "Farmer Jim" Ferguson merely wanted a return to political power and shoved his wife forward as his political dummy. That's as it may be, but with "Ma" Ferguson there was another motive. Let her tell it:

"Ma's" Own Story

"Over in Austin," she says, "I've got a little grandson, 4 years old. Some day that boy will be a man, and a good one, too. Well, I don't want him hanging over him unchallenged, that his grandfather was impeached by the Legislature. I want him to be able to reply, when anybody casts any slur like that, 'Yes, so he was; but the State later turned around and elected my grandmother as Governor; so there!'

It was a queer thread of fate that put "Ma" Ferguson where she is. Back in 1899, when just out of college, she married Jim Ferguson, who had been a railroad section boss. Jim didn't have much education; in a speech he once quoted Shakespeare, "Lay on, MacDuff; and damned be he who first cries, 'pull him off.' But he had a way about him with men. He entered politics and rose to the Governor's chair.

Wife Teaches Husband

Night after night, after the supper dishes had been cleared away, Jim got his "old-cation" from his wife by the light of one of those big mail-order house oil lamps. And, after the babies had been put to bed, Jim was an apt pupil.

A few years ago when the Klan raised its hooded head in Texas Jim was one of the first to reach out at it with a verbal meat-ax. He made it an issue of his opposition to it, and some of the things Jim said about the Klan wouldn't do to print. Two years ago he ran against Senator Earl B. Mayfield, the Klan candidate, but the Klan was too strong in Texas then, and he was licked.

The State impeachment, by the way, didn't bar him from holding a Federal office.

Jim took his licking and kept on fighting. This year he tried to run for Governor, but they held him in suspense and broom, took up the fight to clear the family name for that little grandson over in Austin.

And, folks, that's just the way it happened.

To Church by Bus

A southern Ohio rural church is bringing its congregation to Sunday services by bus—and so is assured of a good attendance. Every car owner of those who have small congregations calls for those who have no cars.

Holiday Births

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Sept. 9.—Every holiday is a birthday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Paullet. Most of their children were born on holidays. Henry and Arthur were born on the Fourth of July, Loretta on Labor day, Roger on New Year's day, Theodore on Easter Sunday, Joseph on Memorial day and Agnes on Christmas day.

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"Do you really believe all that, Henry Williams?" "Certainly I believe it." "Would you let anybody else say it?"

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Hoosier Briefs

J. RICHARDSON, member of Marion police board, says he's ahead of his neighbors with a tomato weighing two and a half pounds. The neighbors are trying to catch up.

Fin Farley of Petersburg is in jail charged with drawing a deadly weapon. He is alleged to have gone to a farmer's home and made his wife at the point of a gun ride away with him, ala Lady Godiva.

Delbert Brown, 15, Washington is alive, because his buddies, James Myers and Sanford Gillmore are good diggers. Brown was buried alive while playing in a sandpile. His friends rescued him after five minutes frantic work.

Herbert Workman is Clinton's first school day casualty. Another boy pushed him off a teeter-totter and he broke his arm.

JACK RIGSBY of Tipton thinks his garden is "some potatoes." He raised twenty-seven and a half bushels of them on a patch of ground eighty-one feet square.

Boys at Hartford City are thinking of going to high school in overalls. Paint on the seats isn't dry.

"Clutching hand" was enacted at the home of Charles Cook at Elwood. It belonged to a "peeper." Mrs. Cook fired. The peeper is alive because she only aimed to frighten.

Mr. and Mrs. Herschell Sullivan of Somerville were racing their auto to a physician with their small son, who was choked on a bullet. Roads were rough and the child swallowed the bullet.

Marion is "uppy" now. Discarded old wooden traffic signs for electrical flash signals.

Little Billie Fryback of Bluffton, was trying to warm himself at a heater and fell backward, burning himself. Names follow.

THO LINVILLE and Harry THEOBOLD of Shelbyville cut down a tree filled with twenty-seven pounds of honey. There were twenty-seven thousand bees, however. Linville and Theobold secured their treasure after a few hours.

Thirty-four Kokomo people were interviewed by a newspaper there on the Loeb-Leopold case. Nineteen urged the death penalty.

Last rose of Muncie hasn't bloomed at Muncie. Blooms are flourishing despite the chilly weather of the past few days.

SOUTH AMERICAN CAPITAL GREAT RACING CENTER

Buenos Aires Ranks With Paris, London and New York.

Buenos Aires, capital of Argentina, is becoming an important racing center as Paris, London and New York, according to the shipping and travel news service. Recent purchase of noted English race horses has much to do with the rise of the South American capital in the sporting world.

Latest purchase has just been made by F. Unzle, president of the Argentine Jockey Club, who secured

Call of the Wild and Alan Brook,

both well known on the English track, the former having been the sire of King George's London Cry, winner of the last Goodwood stakes.

The Argentine racing season lasts

all the year round and includes

612 special functions, the most im-

portant of which are the Jockey Club

Prize and the Cup of Honor in September and the Carlos Pellegrini prize in October. As the races take place

on Sundays, large crowds are at-

Beautiful Track

The Buenos Aires race track and its surroundings are wonderfully attractive. The track is enclosed by a park, ornamented with flower beds, trees and shrubbery, while intersecting it are rivulets crossed by white bridges. In the center is a splendid bronze statue of George Washington, presented to the Argentine Republic by American residents of Buenos Aires as a memorial of the hundredth anniversary of independence.

There are three tracks, one inside the other, the outermost being a mile and three quarters in length. Spectators are provided with seats in a row of great white stands, the grand stand, reserved for members of the Jockey Club, being constructed of white marble. Behind the upper seats there is a spacious promenade, with tables for afternoon tea. Further back are finely appointed club rooms. Persons of distinction, or those accompanied by influential friends, may secure an invitation to the official stand, where the president and his cabinet can be seen, on important occasions, in company with the chief officers of the army and navy. During the races music is furnished by an excellent band.

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