

To the Editor: For release Wednesday Morning, May 22nd, or any day thereafter you may be generous enough to give space.

TO THE WOMEN OF TEXAS:

THE EYES OF TEXAS ARE UPON YOU.

The eyes of Texas are upon the women of the State. Theirs is the privilege and the duty to elect a Governor who stands for the best ideals of the people and the welfare of the State.

We have worked for the right to participate in the election of the men who control the policies, enact and enforce the laws of our State. We now have that privilege. It carries with it serious responsibilities. Especially is this true when we are faced with the knowledge that opposed to the Governor who is responsible for our enfranchisement are the combined forces that have fought the political freedom, protection and advancement of women. We know from our own experience how strong is the organized liquor traffic, and its allied interests. We know how bitterly they resent the laws that Governor Hobby was instrumental in securing for the protection of the State, the Army and the homes of Texas. We know too how industriously they are working against him seeking to overthrow him and all the good laws that he has been instrumental in having enacted. Let us prove worthy of our responsibility.

So that the record may be kept straight let it be known that Governor Hobby when he entered politics in 1914 declared himself in favor of suffrage for women. He has consistently preserved that attitude against the wishes of some of his best friends and close advisors. He stood for what he believed to be right and just and today it is in our power to justify his belief in our ideals and our standards.

Mr Ferguson's opposition to suffrage and his action in fighting that measure at the Democratic National Convention at St Louis in 1916 are matters well known to the women of Texas.

Governor Hobby is responsible for some of the most progressive legislation ever placed upon the statute books of any state. The Zone Law, the prohibition law, the primary suffrage law, the alien law, the literacy law, the delinquency law, the vice bills, the age of consent law and the educational laws for the benefit of the schools all passed at the recent special session are measures in which every woman in Texas is vitally interested. Shall we preserve these laws and re-elect the man who advocated and assisted in their passage.

It has come to me that those opposed to Governor Hobby are seeking to mislead women who are not well informed on these matters in an endeavor to prevent his receiving

the unanimous support of the women. I believe that these efforts will be in vain. I have confidence in the intelligence, integrity and appreciation of the women of Texas. It has been my belief in their integrity and intelligence and their sense of justice and right that has caused me to work for the laws giving them the rights they now possess. I know that they will prove true to the ideals for which they stand, to the principles of political integrity, honesty and civic duty which they wish their children to follow. I know that they will vote for clean politics, clean government, the continuation of prohibition and good morals for the elimination of the liquor traffic and the vice interests. That they will vote for Hobby.

The women of Texas are more concerned with what a man is and how he has fulfilled a public trust than the technicalities of an impeachment proceeding. It is not whether the legislature had the authority under the constitution to declare Mr Ferguson guilty but that Mr Ferguson is guilty as charged of acts that render him unworthy of public trust and confidence. The misappropriation of public funds, the violation of state banking laws, the \$156,000 currency which he refused to account for, the unlawful handling of state funds, the use of public funds to pay his personal obligations, the appropriation of escrow money deposited in his bank to his personal use and his refusal to return it; his attempts to influence the Supreme Court and the Court of Civil Appeals at Beaumont in his own behalf and his vetoing an act of the legislature increasing the salary of the Supreme Court Judges when they refused to be coerced by him - these are the matters that women are concerned with. The supporters of Mr Ferguson do not deny his guilt. They only insist that though guilty the Legislature had no authority to convict.

We believe that honor, integrity and civic responsibility are the test for public office. We are concerned with the ideals we set for the youths of this country and the women of Texas will not vote for a man who admits his guilt and pleads lack of authority to enforce punishment.

The women of Texas will not be misled or deceived. They know how hard has been fight to eliminate liquor and how difficult it has been to secure legislation regulating the saloon and its allied connections. Women will question closely any falsehoods that may be circulated to mislead them. Women will remember to register between June 26th and July 12th and they will vote July 27th. They will vote for prohibition - for good morals, for honesty and integrity in high office, for loyal support of the Government, for the protection of the Nation, the Army, the home and the children. They will vote unanimously for HCBY. They will justify their enfranchisement and they will bury in oblivion those interests that have so long endangered not only their own lives and homes but the very foundation of a free state and a free people.

EYES OF TEXAS WILL SMILE APPROVAL UPON ITS WOMANHOOD.

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