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## Phelps a Delegate to the Democratic State Convention at St. Joseph.

### The Great Democratic Leader Refuses to be Dumped, and Makes a Speech.—The Machine Hard Hit.

Reader, you have been told that Col. Wm. H. Phelps, the Missouri Pacific lobbyist, is "out of politics." A great deal of noise is also made about an alleged "Phelps-Kerens agreement." The two stories do not harmonize, yet both originated in the St. Louis Republic office—or in the office of Democratic headquarters.

With the ordinary man not familiar with the ways of politicians, all this may seem a little puzzling, but there is nothing strange about it to one familiar with their methods. The trouble is that Phelps will play second fiddle for no one. He leads—or he don't play. For years an inter-party warfare has been going on between Phelps and Stone for party leadership. Phelps had railroad passes and Stone had the confidence of the rural Democrats, and in this way their power was about equally balanced, and in the interest of "harmony" both were sent the Democratic national convention of 1900 as delegates at large—one of the highest honors possible to bestow upon Democrats.

But the merry war continued, and the country press took up the cause of Stone and denounced Phelps and the lobby. Up to this time the state machine managed to keep on speaking terms with both pretenders, but were inclined to favor Phelps because of his liberal contributions to the campaign fund and because, as Ex-Gov. Stephens testified, he was "a handy man to have around conventions." He could furnish free passes and free trains.

But the crisis came. The continued hammering of the rural press and the exposures in the Cardwell case forced the "machine" to take sides. To drop Stone meant a slump in the rural districts. To drop Phelps meant a slump in the cities. It was a hard nut to crack, and there was no way of hiding the shells so that neither Stone nor Phelps could find them. It was a show-down.

The gang figured that with the Newbit law and the police force they could carry the cities without Phelps and that Mr. Sellert had a good friend in the Hon. Martin L. Clardy, who could be relied upon as a safe man to furnish free trains and free passes. So they dropped Phelps—or, rather, Phelps dropped out—and they sent Stone out in the brush to shake up the hayseeds and urge them to vote or straight.

But Phelps is not "out of politics." He is very much in evidence. Last week he managed to have himself elected as a delegate from Jasper county to the Democratic state convention to be held at St. Joseph. And the worst of it all is that Phelps represents about one-half of the party and he is out of "harmony." In thanking the Jasper county people for the honor (?) bestowed upon him he not only refused to hide the shells but splattered the contents of the eggs all over his former political ally—the state machine.

It is an old saying that when thieves fall out and fight, then honest men get their dues. There has been a mighty falling out among the great Democratic "leaders," and both Bill Phelps, of Carthage, and Ed Butler, of St. Louis, are getting mighty unruly. Here is what Phelps had to say in his Carthage speech. Every loyal Democrat should read it as coming from one who stood highest in the party ranks two years ago. The fact that the administration rosters try to make it appear that Phelps has gone over to the Republicans cuts no ice. He says he is a Democrat, and is a delegate to the St. Jo. convention. In spite of the efforts of the gang to unload him on the Republicans, he continues to "stick to the party," and is a delegate to the approaching state convention. Here is what he says:

**THE CARDWELL CASE.**

"Much has been said concerning the Cardwell case, and among other things I am charged with the responsibility of this suit. Some people affect to believe that I wrote the letter which was the basis of the suit. If I had written it, I would not have gone on the witness stand and admitted that every thing that Mr. Cardwell said in his speech was true. I am barely acquainted with Mr. Cardwell. I have not spoken to him in years, and did not know that he was going to make his celebrated speech at the Jackson club banquet. I did not know that the club was going to have a banquet; did not know that

he was president of the Jackson club; and did not know he had made a speech until I read Mr. Cook's letter charging him with being a liar and a disgrace to his party. I was sorry the suit was brought, and was glad when it was stopped by mysterious Mr. Brown, but the suit had no terror for me. I did not prance toward the deposition mill anxious to get upon the witness stand with an air of 'Look at me.' Neither did I try to avoid testifying in the case; and if I had testified, my testimony would not have been either sensational or interesting. I know nothing of the facts spoken of by Cardwell in his speech. I was not a member of the state committee at the time it is claimed there were contributed large sums of money for campaign purposes by corporations, with the understanding, expressed or implied, that immunity would be given from adverse legislation.

"For many years I represented this district on the state committee, and during that time there were four railroad lawyers members, and one for some time was chairman; there were officers of other corporations members at the same time, but at no time did a railroad company or other corporation contribute farthing to the state committee; no member of the state committee expected or suggested that it be done. It was before the days of machine politics and expenses of the campaign were inconsiderable and consisted principally of \$300 paid to the secretary for his services, and a small sum for stationery and postage.

**CAMPAIGN FUND FROM POLICE.**

"We did not have expensive headquarters with several suites of rooms in the most expensive hotel in the state, with clerks, stenographers, messengers and detectives and a bounce at the bottom of the elevator to prevent plain Democrats with unpolished shoes and jeans clothes from disturbing the quiet of the poker game. The police of the city of St. Louis now contribute five times as much to the campaign as was received from all sources at that time—\$20,000 in one year from this source alone—twice as much as Sam Cook told Gov. Stephens the approval of the race gambling bill meant to him. The spectacle of a police captain walking into headquarters with \$20,000 levied upon the meager salaries of men—many of them with large families to feed, clothe and educate—would in these days have shocked the Democrats from New Madrid to Nodaway, and a governor who would have permitted it would have shrunk from the storm of indignation which such an outrage would have created.

"Machine politics have been the curse and overthrow at times of all parties in every state in the Union where it has been tolerated. Men who never felt the power of the machine do not appreciate its irresistible force. It selects and nominates candidates for all places; it appoints officers; it crushes and destroys opposition and stifles the voice of protest. and at this time a majority of the state committee are holding office by appointment—many of the most lucrative in the state—two alone receiving greater fees than the salaries of all the judges of division No. 1 of the supreme court combined. The duties of one of them can be performed in thirty minutes in each month, and of the other thirty days in a year, outside of the work that is done by clerks. Men are marked for slaughter regardless of their fealty and devotion to their party, if they refuse to do the masters' bidding. Already Barrett, Marshall and Quellman are doomed; the price of the last two being a circuit clerkship. Two years ago the people of the state were horrified in seeing the president of the school board dragged from the polls in Kansas City and carried through the streets in a hoodlum wagon for daring to oppose the ticket of the machine and to-day the same machine is being used to crush Walsh. And it has been decreed that Chinn and Newton also must go, Conkling appearing to be the only one whom the machine has been unable to crush.

**MACHINE MUST BE CRUSHED.**

"The offense of the members of the committee who are doomed was in suggesting that the law passed by a Democratic legislature to prevent the debauchery of the ballot by the corrupt use of money should be observed—that the Democratic state committee should not be the only

one that disregarded it. They questioned the propriety of the report of committee, required by law to be sworn to, being so juggled as to show that two men whose return to the assessor indicated that they possessed less than \$1,000 of world's goods, were credited with contributions of more than \$25,000. They felt that it would not inspire confidence in the management of the campaign.

If the party does not crush the machine the people will destroy the party. Some say the day is at hand when the machine will be destroyed. That day must come speedily if it would shield or save. You have taken an advanced position on the lobby question, and in this you did right. You show you are abreast of the time; it is the burning issue of the hour. Silver has been abandoned by its pretended friends—the leaders whom we loved to follow a few years ago, listening in rapture to their songs of the prosperity to come with 16 to 1. are silent now, and it is never spoken of except in a voice that denotes the presence of the dead, and the ratio has been laid in its grave by the men who should be the last to abandon it.

"The lobby now will engage our attention. The trust question will be handled tenderly since the fate of the chairman of the national committee, who was charged by the governor of Arkansas with being in the cotton-bale trust. Too many are interested in trusts. The lobby is a menace—not the baking powder lobby, the schoolbook lobby, the race track lobby, packing house or the beer-lobby, but the railroad lobby. It can pass a bill through the state senate on nine votes and through the house with fifty votes while the constitution requires nineteen in one body, and seventy-one in the other to constitute a quorum—something not other power on earth can do—and it should be crushed. A few days ago, in a personal attack upon me, Sam Cook said, in a speech at Nevada, that the headquarters of the lobby is in this district. If an ex-governor of this state had testified that I had haunted the entrance to his office and dogged his footsteps with tearing my eyes, begging him to approve a bill which had been lobbied through the legislature by the corrupt use of money, monopolizing and legalizing the worst scheme of gambling the state has ever seen, upon the ground that it meant a fortune to me, I would have allowed my way back to the witness stand and have denied under oath the statement were it not true. I would have feared that my silence might be construed by the credulous as an admission of the truth of the damnable charge. I would have felt that I owed this much at least to the people who had honored me with a position of trust and responsibility. It would have seemed to me in better taste than writing silly editorials nominating myself for governor and sending them out to cheap patent-outside newspapers to be published along with notices of constitutional amendments, to be paid for by the taxpayers of the state."

**The Fourth in Old Scott.**

The Fourth of July has gone by, and celebrations at Oran and Blodgett were largely attended. There was good order generally. At Oran the crowd was very large and it is reported that two thousand admission tickets were sold. The ball game between Sikeston and Columbus was good—the score being 1 to 0 in favor of Sikeston.

**Festival at Oran.**

The members of the Oran Catholic church will give another of their picnics on Wednesday, August 6. It is needless to say that they who attend will be royally entertained. The Kicker has not yet learned whether the festivities will take place at the fair grounds or in Woodland park, but this announcement will be made later.

**The Barbecues to Come.**

Benton is to have a Barbecue on July 24 at Legrand's grove, just west of Benton. The place selected is shady and comfortable, and the management promises plenty to eat and good music and a good time to all who attend.

Cary is to have a barbecue on Aug. 5. They promise a brass band and string band and a game of baseball in addition to barbecued beef, pork and mutton.

**He—You would marry me if I had plenty of money.**

**But I would love you then.—Life**

## Removal Sale!

### THE BIGGEST THING THAT EVER HAPPENED.

Within the next 30 days we must close out every yard of Dry Goods, every Suit of Clothes, and every Pair of Shoes in the Store. The entire Stock will be Sold at Cost and under Cost.

### Prices are Cut Right and Left and Down the Middle.—Slaughtered!

Now is the time and this the Place to Save Money. Stock Must be Sold. Come and get these Snaps.

<b>CLOTHING.</b>	Large line of white Underwear worth from 50c to \$1.00, now 25c to 50c	<b>SHOES! SHOES!</b>	Here's your chance for a shoe bargain. The best shoes in the Union—100 pairs of high and every pair must be sold by August 1st.
Extra Fine Tailor Made Suits, sold regularly at \$15, now 20 at only \$9.00	Large line of Men and Boy's suits, worth from \$1.00 to \$2.00, now 50c to \$1.00	Ladies' Shoes worth \$3.00 go at \$1.50	Men's Shoes worth \$2.00 go at \$1.00
Fine Light Colored Suits, were \$10 now only 5.00	Colored best Tailor Made Suits, per yard 1.00	Ladies' Shoes worth \$2.00 go at \$1.00	Men's Shoes worth \$1.50 go at \$0.75
Good \$8.00 Suits, all colors, now going at 4.50	Colored, light colors, per yard 50c	Ladies' Shoes worth \$1.50 go at \$0.75	Men's Shoes worth \$1.00 go at \$0.50
Good \$7.00 Suits, any color, cut to 3.50	Blended Domestic, per yard 40c to 50c	Ladies' Shoes worth \$1.00 go at \$0.50	Men's Shoes worth \$0.75 go at \$0.37
Good \$5.00 Suits, any color—take 'em along at an even half	Worsted Dress Goods, all colors, per yard 30c	Ladies' Shoes worth \$0.75 go at \$0.37	Men's Shoes worth \$0.50 go at \$0.25
Boys' good \$4.00 Suits out to only \$2.00	Large line of the Latest Suits worth from 25c to 50c per yard	Ladies' Shoes worth \$0.50 go at \$0.25	Men's Shoes worth \$0.37 go at \$0.18
Small Boys Suits, 4 to 15 years, Suits worth \$2.00, take 'em along at only 1.25	Good Lawns, per yard 25c	Ladies' Shoes worth \$0.25 go at \$0.12	Men's Shoes worth \$0.25 go at \$0.12
The \$1.50 kind now going at 75c	Percale, muslin, goods, any color 15c	Ladies' Shoes worth \$0.12 go at \$0.06	Men's Shoes worth \$0.12 go at \$0.06
Boys' Knee Pants, large stock, all sizes, all colors, take your choice at, per pair 15c	Fine 12c Cotton Goods, per yard 10c	Ladies' Shoes worth \$0.06 go at \$0.03	Men's Shoes worth \$0.06 go at \$0.03
<b>MEN'S PANTS, UNDERWEAR, FURISHINGS</b>	Best Flannel per yard worth 25c 15c	Ladies' Shoes worth \$0.03 go at \$0.01	Men's Shoes worth \$0.03 go at \$0.01
Men's striped pants, regular price \$1.50, now 75c	Cottonade pants at 10c	Ladies' Shoes worth \$0.01 go at \$0.00	Men's Shoes worth \$0.01 go at \$0.00
Boys' pants, worth \$1.75 to \$2.25, now 1.15 to 1.75	Large line of Ladies' Corsets, worth from 25c to \$1.00, now 10c to 50c	Ladies' Shoes worth \$0.00 go at \$0.00	Men's Shoes worth \$0.00 go at \$0.00
Overalls, any color, per pair 25c	All kinds of Lace and Embroideries	Ladies' Shoes worth \$0.00 go at \$0.00	Men's Shoes worth \$0.00 go at \$0.00
Men's cotton goods pants, worth a dollar now 50c	The best Turkey Red Table cloth worth 40c now 20c	Ladies' Shoes worth \$0.00 go at \$0.00	Men's Shoes worth \$0.00 go at \$0.00
Men's blue 7c Underwear now per suit 40c	Ladies' Linen Handkerchiefs, worth from 25c to \$1.00, now 10c to 50c	Ladies' Shoes worth \$0.00 go at \$0.00	Men's Shoes worth \$0.00 go at \$0.00
Men's Working shirts, any color, worth 50c to 60c, now 25c	Ladies' Linen Handkerchiefs, worth from 25c to \$1.00, now 10c to 50c	Ladies' Shoes worth \$0.00 go at \$0.00	Men's Shoes worth \$0.00 go at \$0.00
Large line of handkerchiefs and undershirts, worth from 50c to \$1.00, now 25c to 50c	Ladies' Linen Handkerchiefs, worth from 25c to \$1.00, now 10c to 50c	Ladies' Shoes worth \$0.00 go at \$0.00	Men's Shoes worth \$0.00 go at \$0.00

**These Prices are Cash. See the big Sign on entering New Hamburg**

### A Sea of Real Bargains.—The chance of a Lifetime!

## The Great Bargain Store, Goshe Building, New Hamburg, Mo.

#### Drew Knife on Conductor.

Evidently George Hodgkiss and Mac Morrow, of this township, concluded to wind up their Fourth of July celebration by taking an excursion trip on the DeWine Monday. At terminal points they would get off and take on a little more "enthusiasm." As a result they made it quite unpleasant for Conductor Bond, who bent young Hodgkiss about the face severely just after the train had pulled out of Vanduser. A second encounter took place about two miles from Vanduser, in which young Hodgkiss' hat flew out at the window. The train was stopped and backed up and the hat recovered, but it was only a little further on when the conductor pulled the bell cord to stop the train to put Hodgkiss off. Young Morrow, who was taking no part in the "scrap," pleaded with the conductor to allow Hodgkiss to remain and, after promising quiet, the train again pulled out. At Benton the young men got off, but stood near the rear platform of the coach. Conductor Bond signalled for the train to go, and as he raised his foot to step on the train young Hodgkiss drew a knife to stab him in the back. Bond saw it and, quick as a flash, struck Hodgkiss in the face. The editor, who was near, rushed in, grabbed Hodgkiss and threw him off the depot platform onto the road bed, in the hope of stopping the trouble. But Hodgkiss was game and immediately sprang to his feet and came at the editor with knife in hand. Unfortunately he ran against the editor's fist and again landed on the road bed. He made an effort to come again, but by this time the crowd had caught him and took his knife away from him.

In the mean time Conductor Bond was entertaining Mac Morrow, which resulted in Mac carrying off a pair of "shiny eyes."

The editor had no feeling in the matter and played his part only as a citizen who wished to prevent anyone from being seriously injured.

Both young men are of good families and their experience of Monday may prove beneficial to them.

#### Went to Springfield.

Judge Leedy and W. H. Heisserer left for Springfield Saturday evening, to be present at the judicial convention. They went by Poplar Bluff, and were joined by Senator Marshall at Sikeston. Owing to the delay in the arrival of the passes there was considerable unrest among the local patriots.

#### Vastly Different.

Mamma—Everybody says the baby is just like me.

Papa—Well, it's not. It hasn't spoken a word and it's six months old.

He—You would marry me if I had plenty of money.

But I would love you then.—Life

#### Speaking at Benton.

Saturday afternoon, July 12, the Hon. Jos. M. Ingalls, of Scotland county, will speak at the court house Benton, at 2 o'clock. His subject will be public ownership and direct legislation. Mr. Ingalls was in the county on July 4 and delivered a brief address at Blodgett. Being requested by many farmers to speak at Benton, he agreed to do so.

Mr. Ingalls is said to be a speaker of great ability, and he invites the best talent in Scott county, or anywhere else to meet him Saturday and attempt a defense of the state administration and existing conditions generally. Every taxpayer should come out and see if the men to whom they have listened so long will take advantage of this opportunity to defend the "party."

Visitors here, perhaps, noticed that Democratic and Republican speakers evade joint discussion. Each will gather about him a crowd of his partisans and content himself by proving the other fellow to be the thief. To get them together would be like printing editorials from the Republic and Globe-Democrat side by side, just six of one and exactly a half dozen of the other.

#### Around Home.

Chester McPheters, while coming down the hill northwest of Benton on his bicycle, lost control of his wheel and was thrown heavily on the gravel, Wednesday forenoon. He was rendered unconscious for about two hours, but was not seriously hurt.

The DeWine ought to gain change its name, add a little more water to its capital stock and then quit. Rubber tires on the wheels would also be an improvement. The train could then jostle over the ties with greater ease.

Dr. Parsons, the eye, ear and throat specialist, of St. Louis, was here this week. He will return the first week in August and visit Commerce.

Come out and hear the Hon. Jos. Ingalls, at the court house, Saturday, at 2 o'clock p. m.

#### From New Hamburg.

Frank, the 8 year old son of Anton Glossetter, had his left arm broken Monday. While riding a mule to water he was swept from the mule by the limb of a tree and thrown to the ground.

A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schott Sunday. It was baptised Estella Killeb, Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Killeb stood as sponsors.

A girl also born to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Dierberger and baptised Leona Catherine, Sunday. Lawrence Bucher and Katie Scherer stood as sponsors.

Father Moening spent last week in St. Charles county. He says in North Missouri the rains were much heavier than here, and that much wheat was washed into the Missouri river.

Miss Katie Schulte returned from Fredericktown Monday, accompanied by her little sister Martha.

C. Banks is making arrangements to close out his stock by August 13. It is said that Chas. Strack has made a record of 1,200 bushels of wheat per day with his threshing. Wheat is turning out fairly well.

#### Oran Notes.

The celebration was all that could be desired. Fine crowds, good order, good weather and good entertainment. It was the only celebration in Southeast Missouri. The races went off as desired with Oran stock in the lead. There was an estimate of 5000 people in attendance.

It seemed there was a good train load of people from Charleston here on the Fourth and with the numbers from other places there was a dense crowd aboard the noon train, they were hanging all over the outside of the coaches, and the mail and baggage cars were full.

There is strong talk of Oran getting the court house, and as the building needs repairs, why not move it to an up-to-date city and have a new building.

Miss Blanche Finley visited friends at Randolph station. She has been employed to teach their school again. That speaks well for both teacher and patrons.

Morley and Blodgett were well represented at the celebration. About 200 people boarded the train there besides many coming in rigs.

Died, July 4, the infant son of Mr. Joe Bowman. The parents have the sympathy of the entire community in their sad bereavement.

Misses Villa and Laura Johnson, Sikeston, spent some time visiting friends in Oran.

Miss Rash and sister were visiting Mr. Rash this week. Lots of good looking folks come from Columbus.

Miss Arlo Moore, of Charleston, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Moore, returned home Monday.

Miss Clark and Mr. Roy Finley, Miss Rash and Mr. Sullinger, paid Benton a flying visit Sunday.

Misses Ollie and Minnie Clark, of Cape Girardeau, are visiting Mrs. Ringo.

Mr. and Mrs. Clomson visited friends in Commerce Sunday.

The Sikeston ball team came out ahead of Columbus.

There is talk of an ice plant being started in Oran. "They do boom."

#### From Pleasant Valley.

The Baptists held services in their new building Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night, and are rejoicing greatly over the blessing of God in giving them the house. All are invited to attend the services, which is the first Saturday and Sunday of each month.

The first Sunday in August our church will be dedicated. In honor of the occasion there will be a big basket dinner. All are invited to come and bring well filled baskets.

The Ladies' Aid of Pleasant Valley will give an ice cream supper on Friday night before the third Sunday in this month at Pleasant Valley school house.

By request of the pastor, Rev. James Lee preached a very interesting sermon last Sunday at Pleasant Valley church.

Mr. Thos. Royals and family were the guests of J. T. Smith and family last Sunday.

The infant child of Mr. Joe Ward is very sick.

Wheat is yielding better than expected.

Threshing is about over in this section.

#### From Kelson.

Henry Schutte returned from his trip to Colorado last week.

Joseph Leist bought a lot in Kelson and will build on it.

Joe Mier, of Bloda, was here trading last week.

Arnold Klein is now a life insurance agent.

Considerable wheat is being brought to this market.

John Sailer and Leo Welton had a game of "freeze out" Sunday night.

#### There Are Others.

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"Yes, for his time, my son; of course, there has been a great deal of improvement in that line since."

#### Things to Sell.

**FARM FOR SALE**—In Scott County, Mo., 35 acres 3/4 mile from Oran on the Hamburg road; 15 acres in cultivation; 20 acres deadened; 3-room house with front and back porches. Also, one lot and 2-story, 5-room house, front and back porches, good fences, nice chicken yard and herb houses—in Oran. For prices, call on or write Mrs. W. A. ENGLE, Oran.

**FOR SALE**—A good farm of 192 acres—160 acres in cultivation; Good 2-story frame dwelling, granary, barn, plenty of good water and all modern conveniences. Within 30-minute drive of either Oran, New Hamburg or Benton. For further information apply at the Kicker's office.

**FOR SALE**—287 acres; 140 acres in cultivation at Bates' school house; 90 acres in cultivation on Little River. One-third cash; balance on long time. W. R. BATES.

#### From Morley.

There were some doings in Morley a few minutes Sunday afternoon when Jim McCall, under the influence of liquor, proceeded to clean out a crowd in front of Froese's restaurant. He was soon put under arrest and Morley morning Mayor Gupton assessed his fine ten dollars and his trainings.

The St. L. & G. evening passenger train has changed time from 3:40 to 4:30. All persons wanting to make connections south on the Mountain must come over on morning train from Benton or Commerce.

Mr. Carl Gray and Miss Amanda Bluge surprised their friends by going to Oran the Fourth and getting married.

Mrs. Sewell and daughter, Miss Mayme, of Cape Girardeau, are visiting Mrs. J. E. Congleton this week.

John Duke and wife, of Moprhous, visited Mrs. P. H. Boyce, one day last week.

The Iron Mountain agent here sold over 100 tickets to Oran Friday.

Miss Evans, of Blodgett, was in our city a few hours Tuesday.

Leo Wellman, of Crowder, was here a few hours Monday.

Jesse M. Adams had business at Crowder Tuesday.

Everybody go to Benton Saturday to the speaking.

Cantaloupes are getting ripe in this vicinity.

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