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Dear Governor:

Thinking probably that the enclosed editorial might escape your attention I am sending same to you. I could not understand the attitude of this paper and did the best I could to call his attention to some of the things done by your administration. I am hopeful this article meets your approval. News articles similiar to this one will go out to about eighty democratic newspapers throughout Missouri and I know will have good effect. I will greatly appreciate, Governor, if you will at anytime send me such suggestions that you think will be helpful to the administration. As you know my news letter goes out each week to about seventy five newspapers and I will be glad to aid in anyway you may suggest.

Very Sincerely,

Rich R. Correll

Editor Message.

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Why Blame Gov. Park?

The last issue of the Glasgow Missourian, ably edited by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stevenson, carried an editorial under the caption, "Let Us Have Some Action" that was wholly unfair to Gov. Park and to the Democratic administration at Jefferson City who have labored unceasingly to reduce governmental expense as well as hold the credit of Missouri. Evidently Mr. Stevenson was not familiar with the achievements thus far made at Jefferson City or this editorial would not have been written which creates a wrong impression to his readers. Let's see some of the things accomplished.

Every employee named by the administration has had his salary reduced twenty-five per cent, this being done in order to meet the tremendous loss of revenue and still retain the state's credit. Again Mr. Stevenson should remember that when Gov. Park became the governor of Missouri the state was in a deplorable condition financially and it takes time to unravel the mistakes of others. Governor Park has succeeded even far beyond the expectations of his most ardent supporters. Every department in the state shows that every salary has been reduced and all state expense accounts reduced to the minimum and wherever possible expenses have been cut but at no time have they been so reduced as to where the efficiency of governmental administration would be impaired. It might be well for our good friend, Mr. Stevenson, to remember that the governor has no control over other state elective officers and it is here where the Glasgow editor has erred in asking Gov. Park to "let's have action." Most certainly Governor Park has fulfilled his every promise for Democratic economy and an investigation of state records will show that in every department the expense of state operation has been greatly reduced. He has carefully guarded the expenditures of all branches of state government under his control with amazing results of a saving of hundreds of thousands of dollars to taxpayers of Missouri. What more could the Glasgow editor ask? He talks about state automobiles being used for pleasure and that the promise was made they would be sold at public auction. The writer of this article holds no brief for any official who uses a state car for personal pleasure and if Mr. Stevenson had given a little time to investigation he would find that nothing of this kind occurs under the Park administration and cars are only used in the dispatch of state business. Sometimes we write things, say things that we cannot fully substantiate. Evidently our good young friend, Billy Stevenson, the Glasgow editor, has surmised things that for two years are not true. Gov. Park, when he became

governor, ruled with an iron hand on such practices and during his two years as governor using state cars for personal pleasure has been a forgotten practice.

Now, looking back over the record of Gov. Park as governor, we doubt if Missouri has ever had an administration that gave to the people one of more strict economy.

Fulfillment of every political promise has been Gov. Park's aim and an investigation of state records will be convincing that the governor has more than made good. He has proven himself a leader, a leader who has not played to the galleries but the type of a leader who has thought only of the best interests of his people, his only hope to give to Missouri an administration of real service, an administration that will lift Missouri from financial distress to that of a sound financial footing. In this Gov. Park has more than done his part. He has proven his fitness as an executive and when his term as governor ends his name will be rich in the memory of Missourians as one governor who fulfilled his every promise and made good his Democratic pledge.