

## GOV. PARK LAUDS TOM PENDERGAST IN REUNION TALK

Defends Sales Tax and New Deal in Speech Made at Cassville Before Crowd of 4000 Persons

## ANSWERS CRITICISMS OF WINTERS' ADDRESS

Declares 'Big Tom' Is Common Human Citizen, Keeping in Background of His Organization

Governor Guy B. Park paid a glowing tribute to T. J. Pendergast, Kansas City democratic leader, in an address at the annual Cassville reunion yesterday afternoon. The governor also spoke flatteringly of the political organization of which his friend is head.

"Mr. Pendergast," Governor Park declared, "is a common, humane citizen. He keeps in the background. The organization is made up of such leaders as Senator Harry S. Truman, Charles M. Howell, James A. Reed, and others, and such noted figures in Kansas City social life as William T. Kemper.

"The Kansas City organization," the governor continued, "is successful in turning out the democratic vote because it is not only a political organization; it is also a civic, humane organization that takes care of the poor, destitute, common men in that city."

## ANSWER TO WINTER

The governor's spirited defense of the Pendergast organization was a reply to the scathing denunciation of the Kansas City democratic machine, given from the same platform the preceding day by E. H. Winter, republican nominee for governor in 1932.

In defense of his own administration, Governor Park declared:

"When my tenure of office is up, a year from January, we will not turn over a deficit; to my successor. It will be one of the few times in Missouri's history that the governor's term has ended, and it has come time for a new governor, that there has been money in the treasury. There now is, and there will continue to be.

"The administration has had the fullest cooperation of every elective state officer in bringing this about," Governor Park said.

## DEFENDS SALES TAX

Speaking next of the sales tax, the governor declared it is "not legislation directed at the poor person."

"If a man makes a salary of \$40 a month, and spends it all at the grocery store, he will be paying 40 cents a month for the upkeep of his insane, and for support of his old mother and father in old age pensions."

The republican leader had asked in his address on Thursday whether or not the people wish to return to Hoover or continue under Roosevelt.

“Mr. Winter answered this question himself,” Governor Park said, when he said he’d a thousand times rather return to Hoover, but the direct answer to the question may be found on the market page of any metropolitan newspaper today. Hogs, cattle, wheat and corn, and all the farmer produces, are selling today at a figure far above what they were selling for under Hoover three years ago.

#### PRAISES NEW DEAL

“Our great President Roosevelt was placed in office by the masses of people, and not by a selected few. Under his direction, direct relief was resorted to as the only means which could and would take care of the masses of people who were without employment and in a distressed condition.

“The PWA and the new deal will in time discontinue the direct relief setup. The people of this country are not asking for direct relief, or won’t, unless they haven’t employment, which we could not secure under the bossism of the republican party.

“The republican people are fine people and they, with the masses, turned to Roosevelt for some means of succor.”

The governor, who spoke extemporaneously, also praised the CCC camps highly. “These camps were organized,” he said, “to take off the streets thousands of young men and boys who had nothing to do. This great, humane step, in giving the boys employment, actually helped the members of their families to held their self respect in an embarrassing situation.”

#### 4000 HEAR SPEECH

Preceding his address at Casslies to hold their self respect in sons, Governor Park was a guest at a luncheon at Roaring River state park. He had driven down from Nevada, where he spent the night after inspecting the national guard encampment at Camp Clark.

The governor was accompanied to Cassville by George Hayworth of Carthage. At the reunion, State Senator Gene Frost introduced Sam M. Wear, Springfield attorney and member of the democratic state committee, who in turn introduced State Senator Allen McReynolds of Carthage. Senator McReynolds introduced the governor.

Those who attended the reunion from Springfield, besides Mr. Wear, were Prosecuting Attorney Nat W. Benton, Hunter Wear, and H. D “Dig” Chinn, who accompanied Governor Park as far as Spring- field on his return to Jefferson City. The governor did not stop here.