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## SPOKE FOUR TIMES IN ONE EVENING.

The Phelan Central Club Addressed by the Democratic Candidate for Mayor.

Good Government for San Francisco the Subject of His Teutonia Hall Speech.

SCATHING REBUKE OF BUCKLEYISM.

At Apollo Hall Mr. Phelan Pays His Respects to the Faction Headed by the Former Political Exile.

The first meeting of the Phelan Central Club was held last night and the people who attended completely filled Teutonia Hall.

The history of the organization and remarkable growth of the club under whose auspices the meeting was held, is brief but interesting. The organization was effected about two weeks ago at a called meeting of the public hall on Mission street. The friends of the Democratic candidate for Mayor who conceived the idea of the Phelan Central Club, were not all Democrats, but of all political faiths; their only being that Mr. Phelan would, if chosen Mayor, give to the city clean, honest, business-like administration. With this idea the club was organized and William Meiser of the firm of Brown & Meiser was elected chairman.

Since that time, by a quiet and energetic canvass, every precinct of the 35 in the city has been organized with a captain to each, and reports have been received showing unmistakably how acceptable Mr. Phelan is to all classes of voters, of all political parties—to men apparently demanding good government and knowing that Mr. Phelan is pledged to that cause by the political platform on which he stands, by his public record and by his active interest in all measures that benefit San Francisco. They are stimulating an address of his which he delivered on September 1st before the Mechanics' Institute when there was no question of a nomination, that he outlines a municipal policy which seems to appeal to the best sentiment of the people, and which the great future of San Francisco and the restoration of prosperity, in which all classes will participate. Within these two weeks upwards of 10,000 members have been enrolled.

A complete canvass of the election precincts convinces the Phelan Central Club of one remarkable fact. There is every prospect that the election day the membership will have been largely increased and the friends of Mr. Phelan all over the city who have not been interviewed are requested to send in their names to the Secretary, John H. Grady, at 1017 Market.

And last night this magnificent organization of citizens, banded together for the purpose of placing Mr. Phelan at the head of the municipal government of San Francisco, held the first of its district meetings. To-night a meeting will be held at Union Hall, on Howard street, between Third and Fourth. Other meetings will be held soon in other parts of the city.

Mr. Phelan was introduced by H. G. Gosford. He was received with hearty cheers and it was several minutes before he could commence his speech, which was as follows:

As you are aware, the nomination for the position of Mayor of this city was tendered me unsolicited and unexpectedly from the Democratic convention that I was pleased to accept it in the same spirit in which it was given. Following that convention I received the endorsement of the Independent Party, representing a large number of voters who, while they differ from me in many other parties and interests, said that that a war carried to being made, full of political corruption, and that the time had arrived when it was the duty of every man to rise above party in such circumstances, it is particularly gratifying to me that the Republican party, whose principles I have known to me before this campaign, should endorse the name which I represent. That name is not a party name. I believe in good government for all party. I believe in it, not a choice of party. I believe that the people of this city and state are competent to elect officials that will give good government to me for the primary interest of the people, and that when they do not they are wrongfully defiled it. But as to the means of bringing good government there are honest differences of opinion, and I have given the most public attention to express what I believe to be the interest of the people in this contest, and I shall continue to do so. I believe that it would be unwise for the City Hall ring will exercise some influence, which will restrain waste and extravagance in the administration of the affairs of the city, and I believe that all persons who have any interest in the good government of this city should participate in that gentlemen who have exercised during the past years and I believe that the element of money and influence that has controlled the affairs of this city in the past, which operated, to create great loading results. It is not a question of high taxes. It is a question of honest taxes. It is a question of economy. The taxpayers have suffered grievously because the money which was in the aggregate—taxed at a third than is necessary—have not been justly or honestly expended.

### AS A FRIEND OF LABOR.

**Mr. Phelan's Address to a Large Body of Workingmen.**

James D. Phelan addressed a large body of laboring men at Apollo Hall, Pacific and Buchanan streets, last night.

"The politicians who are manoeuvring so desperately to secure my defeat," he said, "are afraid Mr. Phelan, what I am a laughter man of wealth, who has no interests in common with the laborer. Let us see how much truth there is in this. That I am a man of some wealth is true, but I deny that in handling my capital or in any other way I have shown a disposition to antagonize labor. On the contrary, I have always had a lively interest in the masses and have shown it. I shall not appeal to you as a wealthy man, I shall not appeal to you as an aristocrat, and, unlike some of the organized capital in the community, is not a menace to the social and political life. For such organized capital I have no sympathy. I am a friend of practical labor, and to the event of my election I shall do all in my power to keep it in subjection.

"In further refutation of the statement that Mr. Phelan's wealth deprives him of interest in the common people, he mentioned the fact that he and Congressman Maguire were the only men in the city who had the courage to stand by the Australian ballot law in California.

"I have also," said Mr. Phelan, "taken an active part in opposition to the passage of a Funding bill through Congress. When Congressman Maguire returned from Washington a few weeks ago I was glad to preside over a meeting at which he spoke. At that meeting I believe I voiced the sentiment of every Democrat when I said that if the railroads should be funded that the Pacific Railroad Funding bill should be dismissed and the property operated in the interests of the people. (Cheers.) The roads terminating at the Bay must river have long been subjects to get from the people of San Francisco. It is known to that fathers corporation known as the Southern Pacific Company, which has ever been the enemy of the people, has bought up and collected the bonds; others they are so glad to pay. These roads would be glad to come to this Coast if it were not for the fact that the Southern Pacific has occupied such a position that it has practically blocked and effectually blocked the way to the accomplishment of that which Californians most desire—a direct transcontinental railroad.

Mr. Phelan urged his auditors not to imperil the success of the local Democratic this year by voting for the candidates of a faction whose leader was until recently a political exile.

I accepted the nomination for Mayor from the convention held at Odd Fellows' Hall," said Mr. Phelan, "with the belief that it might assist the entire Democratic ticket. I still believe that it represented the strength of Democracy, but I am sorry to say that there has been developed in the campaign a spirit of disloyalty on the part of some of our party. Leaving aside all selfish motives that I might have, I have endeavored to act, right to treat honestly the candidates with who are masquerading under the name of Democrats. I have endeavored to assist in every possible way to promote the success of the Democratic party. I have endeavored to do my part in securing the election of the best Democratic candidates, and I have done so in the belief that the success of the local Democratic ticket would be for the best interests of the city. I have done this without any personal interest, for I believe that the better class of citizens, that are supporting the success of the local Democratic ticket, will be the first to condemn the action of those who have endeavored to betray that success. In closing, Mr. Phelan said: Upon you the desirability of obtaining an honest, economical and business administration depends.

It is true that we have received in our Board of Supervisors," he said, "and compelled to bear the burden of a class of men who have been a disgrace to the city. The manner in which the affairs of the city have been conducted is due to the influence of the corporations that provide in many of the other departments. This is the reason why I have declined to accept the nomination for Mayor from the Republican convention, or from any other source. Yet the office seemed to be thrust upon me. I have no desire for the office, and have practically made the litigating influence in behalf of the people. I have refused to accept the nomination from the Republican party, and I am in the general depression that prevails to all kinds of business.

### SPOKE TO THE PEDDLERS.

**The Democratic Candidate for Mayor on the Rights of Citizens.**

James D. Phelan captured the peddlers last night when he addressed the Peddlers' Protective Association in the basement of Teutonia Hall. There was a fine setting about the meeting and the association and respectable as that of a merchants' meeting. The hall was decorated and red and waved their bars in the air. Mr. Phelan was given a hearty welcome and continued for an hour and a half. He spoke of peddling laws. I have a platform and I believe in the principles of it," he said, "but I believe that the citizens of the city on the other peddling them around the streets. This is why he spoke of the ordinance passed by the peddlers by the Supervisors when they compelled them to pay a license of $25 a year.

"I believe every American should be a free citizen and that no illegality should be placed upon him. I am a friend of the laboring man, and I believe that the laboring man should be protected from the encroachments of capital. I believe that