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Dear Mr. Lloyd:-

I "was glad to have your letter, enclosing one from Mr. Kemper. I waited until after the holidays to go to see him. I went down yesterday afternoon. I found him to be very easy to talk to — extremely friendly and gracious, but he had nothing that he could offer me. He said he had had a nice letter from you — asked me how long I had lived in Kansas City, for whom I had worked, the kind of work I had done, etc., etc. He said I should have written Bennett Clark some time ago about getting in in the H.O.L.C. I told him while I had known the late Champ Clark I had never met Mr. Bennett Clark and felt I had no entree there.

He said he had lots of calls — and occasionally he was able to place somebody and he would certainly like to do something for me. He then called his secretary (a young man) and instructed him to put my name on their "hot griddle" --. It seems they have two lists ----- those they are particularly interested in are placed on this special list, and the others on another sheet.

Had I been a widow I might have been offered something there in the Commerce Trust but Mr. James M. Kemper, when he took over the Presidency, ruled that no married girls were to be employed.

Other people claimed Mr. Kemper's attention so I had a visit with his secretary. I asked him to tell me if Mr. Kemper was handling me in the routine way and that if there was no chance of him being able to do any thing for me, I had rather know it now. He said he didn't think he was — from the way he talked with me he was sure he was interested, and said further "I know Mr. Kemper had a lot rather favor Major Stark than a good many others he does favor".

I thought you'd be interested to know a chance remark the secretary made. (Naturally he did not suppose it would be repeated, and it wouldn't under ordinary circumstances) but I said I hoped Major Stark would be our next Governor and the boy said "He might have had it last time if he had worked harder for it — and he would have made a better one than the one we now have".

His attitude toward you was so friendly I concluded Mr. Kemper's must be also, for a secretary frequently forms his or her estimation of a person by the "boss" attitude.

The secretary told me that while Mr. Kemper had hundreds of such requests, he only occasionally had an opportunity to place some one. He insisted that I drop in occasionally and see him and promised to do what he could for me.

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From Elsie's letter I could not gather anything other than her own interest in you. I shall find out, however, indirectly, how the wind blows with Mac, without her knowing it. He had aspirations in the same direction some years ago, but after being defeated in the St.L. primary for Mayor, he seems to have lost interest in holding office. Then, too, he has such a marvelous law practice he couldn't afford to let it slip.

The STM gave an account of the number of hungry men that were fed here Christmas day by Pendergast. I noticed a similar thing was done in St. Louis by Mayor Dickman. The number ran way up into the thousands. It's such things as this that pull the votes on election day and makes it hard for an out-state man.

Don't think I am putting second in importance in this letter the news about your new little daughter, for I know just how very very important that is to you and Mrs. Stark, and I want to add my congratulations.

If I run across any thing in the papers that I think will interest you, I'll clip and send on. If you can think of any one else here in the City to whom you might address a word in my

behalf, do it, won't you? I am so very very anxious to get a really good position. The regret of my life is that I left Ferry-Hanly to go with the insurance man --. At the time I made the change had I connected with a real firm, my future would have been cared for. With business at such a standstill as it is now, and so many hundreds looking for work, I am handicapped in connecting to any advantage.

I want to thank you for the lovely apples that came the day before Christmas. It ms like a gift from home — and I appreciate your remembering me more than I can tell you.

Mr. Kemper's secretary said if I wouldn't mind spending my week days in J.C. I might be able to get in the new office of Mr. King, Superintendent of Schools, but I imagine any jobs he had to give, have been handed out to those who assisted him in his race.

We dedicated our wonderful new county court house yesterday. It's quite an imposing structure and extremely ornamental to that section of the city.

Many thanks for writing Mr. Kemper. Be sure and write me if you think of any tiny thing I can do for you here. With best wishes to you and yours, I am

Sincerely,

Ruby

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