

DEMOCRATIC STATE COMMITTEE BOWS TO "THE BOSS" WHO DEMANDED JUDGE PARK

JOHN LAZIA, EX-CONVICT MADE HIMSELF BIG BOSS

Pendergast Machine Finds This Business Getter Useful In Handling Italians of North
End -- His Record Told By Supreme Court of Missouri.

KANSAS CITY.—One of the worst blights upon Kansas City are the activities of John Lazia, who has risen in the course of fourteen years from the roll of a gun-toting exconvict to that of a big shot in the ranks of the Democratic political machine here.

Lazia now is undisputed king of the Italian colony of Kansas City and head of the North Side Democratic Club. Since August 1917, when Lazia was released from the Missouri penitentiary upon recommendation of James P. Aylward, present chairman of the Democratic City Committee, and others, he has been constantly before the public and now is considered as "Public Enemy No. 1" in Kansas City.

Lazia was indicted and prosecuted for a saloon holdup with firearms on January 6, 1916. He was shown to have been a member of the "Black Mike" McGovern and "Tommie" Bosco gang of robbers and grafters.

Supreme Court Records.

The following is taken verbatim from the Supreme Court Records: "Upon an information charging him with the crime of robbery in the first degree, defendant was tried in the Criminal Court of Jackson County, found guilty, and his punishment fixed at twelve years in the Penitentiary. Thereupon defendant duly appealed.

"The evidence upon the part of the state tends to establish the following facts: Shortly after midnight, January 6, 1916, defendant in company with Tom Bosco and another person, referred to as 'Black Mike' McGovern, entered the saloon of one Herman Allman in Kansas City, Mo. One of the three ordered a small beer and placed a dime on the bar. When Allman turned around to make change, one of the three said to Allman: "Hold up your hands! You s---- o---- a b----!" Thereupon Allman dropped behind the bar, when one of the trio said, 'Look at the---- going after a gun," and reached over the bar, pointing a pistol at Allman and ordered him to get up.

Rough Stuff.

"One of the men held a gun at Allman's back, and one held a gun at his side, while they went through his pockets, taking therefrom some money and a watch. Bosco went behind the bar and took \$82.50 from the register and \$174 from a money drawer, which was located near the register. While Bosco was thus engaged, the defendant, Lazia, unscrewed a diamond stud from Allman's shirt front. The diamond stud was valued at \$200. While in the act of taking the diamond, Allman said to defendant:

"You ought to leave that to me; that was left to me by my grandfather. I have had that twenty-one years.

"To this the defendant replied, uttering an oath: 'What do you want with that rock?

You haven't long to live'—and jabbed Allman in the side with the gun. The trio then placed Allman in the ice box and departed. A few days thereafter defendant was arrested, and at Police Headquarters Allman identified him as one of the robbers.

Putting In Bluff.

“Later, at the preliminary hearing, defendant walked over to ALLMAN, and said:

“What is the use of you prosecuting us? If you let down on this, I will get your watch and your diamond and your money back in an hour; they did not even take the diamond out of the setting. It is in the same setting. If you prosecute, you will not get anything, and you will get yours when we get out. You look out.’

“At a later period defendant also asked Allman: ‘What is the chance to send a man out with the dia-

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CURTIS SAYS PARK CANNOT BE ELECTED

To Missouri voters:

Our campaign has been directed against boss rule; to educate the voters as to the facts concerning the most vicious, sinister machine gang in American politics. We shall continue this campaign unabated and with renewed vigor.

Twice this year, first in the primary and again today, it has been demonstrated that this Kansas City gang has a death-grip on the Democratic party in this state. The Democratic leaders and office seekers seem to be hypnotized by its supposed power and dare not oppose it.

Not so, however, with the thousands of Democrats and independents who seek office, who are not interested in patronage, but who want reduced cost in state government and who desire it to be clean and wholesome.

The Republican party recognized government as a responsibility to be discharged in the best interest of the taxpayers and not as a mere means of machine control of the state for the private exploitation of the taxpayers' money for its favorites.

Under Obligations.

The Democratic candidate for governor cannot sleep politically with Tom Pendergast and his ilk without coming under obligations to them at the expense of the taxpayers' money.

The fight is on—with supreme confidence we carry it to the voters of Missouri.

Now that Boss Pendergast has named his candidate for governor, the campaign may proceed.

The power of the big boss was never more complete. Although the names of several prominent Democrats, with state-wide reputations, were advanced for this nomination, all were swept aside by “Big Tom” and an unknown was by him trotted out and paced to victory.

I said UNKNOWN—I mean unknown to the thousands of Missouri Democrats and its citizens generally. I do not mean unknown to the boss. He doesn't do things that way. The race track is nothing new to him, and he always knows what horse to bet on.

Political Trades.

Wouldn't it be interesting to know the political trades of patronage that were made by Tom to induce the St. Louis members of the state committee and others to leave Dearmont, Maj. Stark, Dr. Patton, Judge Ragland and former Gov. Gardner for this unknown and inexperienced man in state government? But they will never be made public.

Missouri isn't ready for machine government. It is a machine age, all right, but it hasn't progressed that far.

Lt. Gov. E. H. Winter, Republican nominee, is well known to the voters of Missouri, as being honest and courageous, with a splendid

NOMINATION IS DICTATED BY PENDERGAST

Unknown Candidate From Platte City Presides in Only Missouri County Where Race Track Gambling Is Permitted.

Confirming everything opposing Democrats said of him and his methods in the primaries this year, Thomas J. Pendergast, Democratic boss of Kansas City, forced through the nomination of his "pet," Judge Guy B. Park as the nominee for Governor to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Francis M. Wilson.

Democratic leaders who thought that the Kansas City boss would listen to reason received another slap in the face. These leaders told Pendergast that public sentiment in the state would not stand for his naming Judge Park. Pendergast was told that Dearmont would secure the support of at least 50,000 independent voters.

Did it make any difference to Pendergast? Not at all. Though every St. Louis newspaper and every Kansas City newspaper pointed out the folly of his domineering course, Pendergast, at the meeting the Democratic State Committee Monday, nominated Judge Park.

Courage is Lacking.

In public, not one protest was heard from any nominee on the State ticket. In private, though each was nominated by Pendergast's support, they admitted that the Kansas City boss was endangering the whole State ticket.

Opposition tumbled when Pendergast demanded that his thirty- six Committeemen stand pat and name Judge Park. Not one dared disobey Pendergast. Under the circumstances other members of the Committee could only voice a feeble protest and let Pendergast have the whole slate and state for, as Pendergast said, "I am in the game to see that my boys get the jobs to which they are entitled."

Newspapers Opposed.

Newspapers in the State, especially St. Louis and Kansas City, have condemned the effort to put- Missouri under control of the worst machine in American politics - a machine associated with the activities of ex-convicts, with rackets of various sorts and a machine that has determined to get control of the State government.

The public is familiar with the race track that has been operated in Platte County under the jurisdiction of Judge Park for the last six years. Pendergast's horses run at this track. It is the only race track in Missouri where open gambling is permitted.

Not only is the race track operated there, but some of the most notorious gambling clubs are also flourishing in Platte County.

Missouri does not intend to elect a man for Governor who has this background and is introduced to the public through the demands of Boss Pendergast. record in state government that has fitted him for this high office and his candidacy has already made a profound impression upon the voters of the state, regardless of party.

He is now certain of victory.

ARTHUR M. CURTIS, Chairman Republican State Committee.

THE KANSAS CITY BOSS

THOMAS J. PENDERGAST,

“Not a stage version, but an impressive photograph of Kansas City's dominant Democratic leader, Thomas J. Pendergast, taken a few months ago at a wedding in the old home town.”—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Missouri Schools Get Aid Despite Opposition of Machine

HENCHMEN OF PENDERGAST FOUGHT BILL

State Senate followers of Boss Tried to Defeat Reduced Property Taxes, increased Educational Aid.

No better example of what the Pendergast machine would do to the aspirations of those interested in the development of the common school of Missouri can be found than the record made in the last session of the General Assembly. It is a typical sample of machine politics dipping into school affairs.

School people of Missouri and the informed members of the Missouri Farmers' Association and the State Farm Bureau Federation are familiar with the efforts made at the last session of the Legislature to equalize educational opportunity, increase attendance in rural schools and high schools and reduce the school tax levies throughout the state.

All of these groups in organized forms were active in that contest. The leaders at least know who supported that movement and who opposed it. Generally speaking, it was supported with a few significant exceptions by every rural member of each of the houses of the Legislature.

Two-Fold Purpose.

The purpose of the legislation was two-fold. First, to guarantee to every child in the state an eight-months term of school and a high school education and second, to lift the property tax burden from the owners of farms, homes, mercantile stock and other forms of tangible property.

Had the original program been enacted it would have transferred from property tax owners about ten millions of dollars per year of the burden which they had been carrying. Due to the opposition which developed to the measure, this amount of relief

was reduced to between five and six millions of dollars per year.

The House and Senate Journals show that every representative of the Kansas City organization fought the measure bitterly. In the Senate where the struggle centered, the opposition was led by Senator M. E. Casey, chief lieutenant of Pendergast in the Legislature. He was aided by Senator Gordon and Senator McKittrick, the latter being especially prominent in the fight. He was rewarded by Pendergast support for Attorney-General.

Whitaker's Remarks.

Hon. O. B. Whitaker, Representative in the General Assembly from Hickory County, was asked by William Hirth, publisher of "The Missouri Farmer", to give a short resume of the new school law. This is the school law which the Pendergast organization attempted to beat.

Mr. Whitaker wrote extensively for "The Missouri Farmer", and the following is an extract from that article:

"Here is the best public school law ever enacted or attempted in the history of this state and it is doubtful whether any state has a better one. Every state owes to every child reared within its bounds a free, common school and high school education. It not only owes that to every child within it, but it owes it to itself, for so much education is essential to good citizenship, and good citizenship is the essential to good government. No higher or nobler obligation rests upon a state; and Missouri, for the first time in her history, is completely discharging that obligation in the New School Law.

Tax Burden.

"The New School Law does more: it lifts from the staggering forms of the farmers of this state millions of dollars of an unjust tax burden that has been placed upon them by a heartless discrimination that is nothing short of an outrage. It is my opinion that more than half of the country schools will be able to maintain their schools on the 20-cent levy under the new law, instead of the 65-cent levy that was required under the old law, in order to get state aid. Four times as many rural schools and twenty times as many high schools are receiving state aid under the new law as did under the old law, and thirty thousand boys and girls in the country are provided with free high school tuition and transportation.

"The New School Law has answered two of the most just demands and crying needs of the state; adequate educational opportunity for the children, and relief from unjust tax burdens upon the farmers of the state."

BEAT THE BOSS!

(Editorial) Post-Dispatch, July 16th, headed, "Beat the Boss."—If Kansas City is willing to permit Boss Pendergast to be the local Mussolini, that is her affair. It is quite another matter when this political boss essays to hold all of Missouri in his grasp, and such is the issue to be threshed out in the August primaries.

It transcends all other issues and towers above the personalities of the candidates.

The Democratic boss of Kansas City, Pendergast, is the most powerful politician in the State. If his dream comes true, Missouri will be in his own private fief, and he may chortle, in the Alexander Selkirk manner:

I am monarch of all I survey;
My right there is none to dispute;
From the center all round to the sea
I am lord of the fowl and the brute.

Even if Pendergast were vested with the wisdom of Marcus Aurelius, the skill of Charlemagne and the virtues of Edward the Confessor—and his most fanatical followers stop short of so describing him—Missouri should not intrust him with the dictatorship of its political affairs.

St. Louis' stake in the primaries is a vital one. If Pendergast gets control of the State government, he will also control the appointment of our Police Board, and, through it, our police force. It is an efficient force now, and remarkably free from politics, but in case of a Pendergast victory, it will become just another cog in the State-wide machine. He will also control our Election Board and, through it, the elections.

No other such audacious proposal was ever made in Missouri politics.

Beat the boss!

SENT TO PRISON, RETURNS TO GET POLICEMAN'S JOB

KANSAS CITY, MO. —Time brings good luck to some and bad luck to others. One time not many years ago, when Russell Bledsoe was a big strapping copper on the Kansas City police force, someone stole his automobile. Bad luck for Russell Bledsoe.

The car was found in Sedalia. Good luck for Bledsoe, but bad luck for Richard Allen who was in possession of the stolen property. Allen was sent to the Penitentiary. He had also served a term for white slavery.

Time brought freedom to Richard Allen. He came back to this city. His activities brought him to political proximity with the Democratic bosses. When Tom Pendergast's machine took control of the Kansas City Police Department he saw to it that most, if not all, of the Republicans were fired. Bad luck for Russell Bledsoe. He lost his job.

One day Bledsoe went down on his old beat to see who had replaced him. Richard Allen had.

Kiel's Senatorial Campaign Founded on Common Sense

WINTER WARNS VOTERS OF MACHINE CONTROL

Republican Candidate for Governor Says Highway Commission Could Be Wrecked By Graft If Pendergast Gets Control.

"In my 25 years of campaigning," said Edward H. Winter, Republican nominee for Governor, "I have never seen such large crowds and such interested crowds at

political meetings as I have during the last few weeks at meetings which I have addressed. To my mind it means only one thing and that is that the voters are aroused to the danger of bossism and do not intend to let the Pendergast Gang, with its various rackets, get control of the State Government.

“Every newspaper in the State has commended the conduct of the Highway Department. The bitterest opponents of the Highway Commission—and they are few and far between—have never been able to bring up a solitary case of political favoritism or of dishonesty in the expenditure of funds.

"Does anyone imagine that this fine record would be maintained with Pendergast in control of the administration?

A Fine Record

"Just as the Highway Commission has been operated properly, so have the other commissions named by Republican Governors of the last twelve years. The State-named Tax Commission, the Public Service Commission, and especially the Police and Election boards of St. Louis have been repeatedly praised by the Democratic press for their unselfish devotion to the interests of Missouri. No one could go to Kansas City and say that of its boss-controlled government. There the Police Department is run by the Pendergast Machine. Ex-convicts have been placed on the police force. Primary elections have been dictated by the Boss with police protection.

“The Republican platform adopted at the state convention in Jefferson City on September 13, in addition to a sound constructive program for the relief of our overburdened citizens, contains the following, which is the unified thought of our party on a very important condition now existing. “We deplore the conditions in Kansas City, where a corrupt political machine dominates elections and terrorizes decent citizens. It is regrettable that the sinister power of a political ring should deprive a large part of the electorate of both parties in that city of the right of franchise, and the Republican party pledges itself to do all in its power to check this evil from spreading and to lend its aid to right-thinking citizens of Kansas City in stamping out this disgrace to the state.

Disgrace to State.

“It is a matter of general knowledge that the condition pointed out is, as stated, a disgrace to the State of Missouri. It is equally true that the organization which so completely dominates the affairs of Kansas City is seeking through the election of their eradiate for Governor to gain control of the resources and the future of our state for their own personal enrichment.

“It is easy to see the reason for this and why the tremendous effort is being put forth on their part to gain such control, having a taste of power through the domination of the affairs of Kansas City, and being aware of the large appointive power in the hands of the Governor, such as police boards, election commissioners, department heads, highway commissioners and others.

“With the control of the Governor in their hands, and with this great appointive power, they could and would, in my judgment build a state machine at the expense of

our tax-payers which would endeavor to perpetuate itself in office for many years to come.”

TOM PENDERGAST

Kansas City's Machine Boss In Brief.

Ready Mix Concrete Company.

Midwest Paving Company.

Pen-Jac Oil Company.

Eureka Petroleum Company.

Ross Construction Company.

Kansas City Concrete Pipe Company

Riverside Race Track.

These are the companies controlled by the political boss, Tom Pendergast, and they are the favored concerns getting fat contracts annually from the city and county. In fact, no construction work in the city can get by city-paid and Pendergast-hired building inspectors that does not use Ready Mix Concrete.

In addition to these, all of the cement used by the city is purchased from the Welch-Sandler Cement Co., owned by Casimir J. Welch and Harry Sandler, Tom Pendergast's political lieutenants. Sandler also is the owner of the Commerce Coal Company, which supplies the city with coal, amounting to about \$140,000 a year.

Phil McCrory, Tom Pendergast's partner in the operation of Riverside track, also heads the Atlas Brew Sales Company, which distributes near beer. It is commonly known in Kansas City that joints serving near or shot beer cannot continue in business without Atlas Brew. The same is also true of the ginger ale and soda pop manufactured and distributed by John Lazia, Pendergast's north end lieutenant.

MISSOURI VOTERS CAN REACH HIM

St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Oct. 16 —“If the committee is free, it will resolutely set its face against Pendergast and all his works. The fortunes of the party in the State have not been happy for some time. It has not had the governorship since 1921, when Gov. Gardner went out of office. He has been succeeded by three Republican Governors, Messrs. Hyde, Baker and Caulfield. The party's fortunes in the State can be repaired only by good works. They cannot be repaired by an alliance with the Democratic boss at Kansas City. Any such alliance must be at the cost of good government, and the penalty for bad government would be certain. The people of Missouri cannot reach Pendergast in Kansas City, but they can reach the Democratic party in Missouri.

“The powers of the Governor in Missouri are too great for any suspicion that politics govern or control his judgments and actions. The Governor should, like Caesar's wife, be above suspicion. There are the 1800 policemen in St. Louis, who are absolutely under his control, a power for which designing politicians have clamored throughout the excellent regime of Gov. Caulfield. There are election

boards of St. Louis, St. Louis County and Kansas City, which are filled by the Governor and therefore made responsible to him. There is the non-partisan State Highway Department, the great usefulness of which could be easily impaired by political interference, something it has never known. In a word, the stake which the people of the State have in the selection to be made at Jefferson City Monday is far too great to have bossism control the situation.

“BEAT THE BOSS.”

KIDNAPED ELECTION JUDGE STANDS PAT

KANSAS CITY, MO.—Will there be a repetition of the Rex Hedrick case in Jackson County November 8? That is the question Republicans are asking each other as the momentous fall election approaches, wherein the voters of the state will decide whether Tom Pendergast, the boss of the Democratic machine in Kansas City, will put over his slate of state candidates for purposes of personal gain.

The Hedrick case was an outrage upon the voters of Jackson County in November, 1930. Hedrick, chairman of the Jackson County Election Board, was kidnapped by a gang of gunmen November 4, 1930, election day, and held prisoner throughout the day until after the polls closed. He was beaten, slugged and mistreated by his abductors and held bound and gagged, allowing the Democratic machine to run wild in the county with padded election boxes.

How Job Was Done.

Hedrick left his home at 5:30 o'clock that morning in his motor car to go to Independence. He was the cashier of a bank at Buckner, where he resided.

Not far from Ripley, another car crowded him into the side of the road and Hedrick was removed from his car at the point of pistols. He was slugged with the butt ends of the pistols, causing gashes on his face, head and hands. He was thrown into the gangsters' car, where two of them sat on him. He then was taken through devious ways to his place of concealment.

His eyes, nose and mouth were taped with adhesive smell and sounds, Hedrick knew he was imprisoned in the basement of a house, not far from a school. When it became apparent to the gunmen that Hedrick was listening for noises that might betray their location, his ears were stopped with cotton and taped, also. So the long day dragged out finally and Hedrick was taken out as he was brought in. They released him on Kersey Coates drive and Hedrick staggered into a filling station.

No Arrests Made

When the chairman of the Election Board failed to arrive at Independence that morning, inquiries began. A farmer reported finding the car and blood spots were found on the running board and ground nearby. The sheriff's office made a feeble investigation and the matter was taken over by the Department of Justice. No arrests however, were ever made; the trail had been covered up too well.

There could be no other motive for the crime than that it was politically engineered and carried out according to the best authorities. Hedrick had no enemies, but he had had a disagreement with the Democratic members of the board

over a canvass in certain districts, which Hedrick knew to be padded with fraudulent names. He had clashed with Frank C. Marqua, Democratic member of the board, who did nothing toward aiding in running down the abductors.

Stealing of elections in the ward precincts in the city had been a common thing, reported each election in the newspapers. But this was the first time Pendergast tactics had been extended into the rural districts. The political hijacking game has been extended by the machine into the county and now the Big Boss is reaching into the state.

Hedrick's Inquiry.

“Shall we throw up our hands and let the machine rob us at will?” Hedrick asks.

Hedrick's capture and detention blocked challenges on hundreds of names that the Democratic machine had placed on the books fraudulently. At the time of his capture, Hedrick carried a book, showing complete tables on the registration with his personal notations on which he expected to base challenges. He carried also credentials for virtually all of the Republican watchers and challengers in his pockets. These papers, of course, were taken from him as was his wallet containing \$20.00. With Hedrick out of the way, it threw the rural Republican organization into confusion and the Democrats were allowed to dominate the polling places.

That was two years ago, but the memory of that experience is still I vivid to Mr. Hedrick. The Department of Justice ran down all dues to a dead end. Mr. Hedrick has a wife and child and a comfortable home. Yet despite a threat of death, Mr. Hedrick would fight in a pinch. He fully knows the power of the forces that pooh-pooh the law in the name of the machine which controls the law agencies by stealing elections at the polls.

HIS APPEAL TO REASON BASED ON EXPERIENCE

Is Having Telling Effect Upon Voters — Demagogic Statements of Opponent Shows Desperation

Henry W. Kiel's campaign for the United States Senate has progressed to the point where sound sense is taking its rightful precedence over demagogic appeals of his opponent.

Mr. Kiel has been greeted by excellent crowds throughout his campaign. His short talks have met with a response worthy of the man.

The fact that Henry Kiel earned his way through preferment without being the favored son of a politically prominent father, that he gained his early competence by hard labor—laying bricks — and then established a sound business as a contractor has appealed to the voters.

No silver spoon helped Kiel as a child; he learned life from hard experience, and when he quit school there was no \$6,000 job as a parliamentarian awaiting him by the side of his father. When the great war broke out Kiel's sons were not ushered

into colonelcys at the behest of the Speaker of the House of National Representatives.

Demagogic Talk

In Warrensburg the Democratic nominee for Senator said, "The only suggestion which Mr. Hoover has brought forward for dealing with the whole situation was a \$2,000,000 dole, which he has succeeded in raising to \$3,500,000 for the benefit of the big banks and insurance companies. That is all that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation amounts to when all is said and done."

Such demagogery deserves the rebuke that Henry Kiel has been giving it in his campaign. If Henry Kiel's opponent had been in Congress and made this sort of a speech during the dark days of last year, when the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Bill passed, he probably would have received the same telegram received when 27 leading men of Louisiana, Mo., headed by Mr. Ras Pearson, sent him a wire to support the government or resign from Congress. After that telegram the people of the Ninth Congressional District retired Champ Clark at the next election.

Individuals Affected.

The day of the demagogue attack upon railroads is over. The very existence of insurance companies depends upon the value of railroad securities. Every local community in our state is now vitally interested in seeing that railroads continue to function, otherwise towns that have been prosperous begin to lose the hope of future growth. Except for this great reservoir, one-half the active banks in the territory of Missouri, Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska, would have been compelled to suspend had the government not provided capital for Mr. Dawes' bank in Chicago.

This Warrensburg speech of Kiel's opponent is the rankest exposition of the demagogue that this campaign, so far, has shown. Only the selfish office seeker would make this sort of an appeal to get votes.

PENDERGAST GANG IS STRICTLY "BUSINESS"

HAS FINGERS IN ALL CITY CONTRACTS

Crowd Tries to Get Percentage On All Awards — Oil, Gas, Cement, Racing and Other Rackets.

KANSAS CITY, MO.—Just what is this menace to the State of Missouri that so many political speakers are holding up before the voters? Is it just political hooey or is there really some danger? Let us analyze the situation and see.

Tom Pendergast is the undisputed boss of Kansas City and Jackson County. It is admitted by all, Democrats and Republicans alike. His growth in power has been gradual but sure. His word is law. Now he seeks to control the state, widening his grasp to include the state capitol and all its departments. Shall it be "Governor" Thomas J. Pendergast in fact after the November election, and Guy B. Park in name?

Cites Sales Apportioned.

"All of us know," Albert I. Beach, former mayor of Kansas City, said recently in a speech, "that everything sold to the city is - allotted to members of this iniquitous

machine. We know the machine is giving us government for the benefit of a few and that Casimir Welch, John Lazia, City Manager McElroy and King Tom are going to make their bid for control of the state in the fall election.

“Rabbi Mayerberg charged that after the city was given control copied for preservation of the police department by the supreme court of the state, ex-convicts were appointed to the police department. The charge was never disproved by the city.”

Tom Pendergast has his finger in the city treasury under several aliases. For instance, he is the head of the Ready Mixed Concrete Company which furnishes concrete to the city for paving purposes and to contractors on building jobs. These contractors must use Ready Mix concrete or suffer the consequences, since the city building inspectors see to it that any other material of that type is condemned.

The Midwest Paving Company, Ross Construction Company, Pen-Jac Oil Company (Pendergast- Jacobs), Eureka Petroleum Company and the Kansas City Concrete Pipe Company all are controlled by Tom Pendergast or members of his family.

Midwest's Lion's Share.

In the last year, Mr. Beach further charged, all of the contracts for street paving were awarded to the Midwest Paving Company, although in the years previous as far back as 1926, there were other contractors favored by the city. The facts show, however, that the Midwest and its subsidiary companies got \$1,288,651 in contracts from the city while the others received a total of \$363,000.

The city and county now have about 5,000 jobholders and their families on the Democratic machine payroll. This means about 30,000 votes in Jackson County already delivered to the Democratic slate. All of these jobholders are kicking in to the tune of from 20 to 50 per cent of their salaries for the Democratic jackpot. Their precinct organization works with smoothness and dispatch at all times, witness the tremendous registration of voters in the primary in Kansas City—230,000. Since then, 1,813 have been challenged and sent notices to appear before the election board.

Racing Also.

Pendergast is said to be the principal owner of Riverside Race Track north of Kansas City across the Missouri River, where thousands annually are “entertained” and enlightened on the intricacies of race-horse betting. He has his string of horses and stables, maintained at the race track during the racing season.

Headquarters for this “kingfish” are at 1908 Main street, and it requires the services of numerous “secretaries”, bodyguards and flunkies before an ordinary citizen can get into the inner sanctum for conversation with the “boss. It is a political headquarters and employment office rolled into one, for without some indication from this dictator there will be no job.

Vice-President Curtis, in his speech here to business men last Monday, urged all to see that an honest election was held in Kansas City in November.

Must Clean House.

“I was told by a Kansas City man who lives in an apartment,” he said, “that

twenty-one fraudulent names were registered from his apartment. They will try to vote these names election day. You business men simply cannot stand for that.”

Republican leaders in Kansas City are of the opinion that there are 40,000 fraudulent names on the registration books, due entirely to the work of the Democratic machine. Whether all these names will be voted remains to be seen, but the indications now are that an awakened Republican organization will be on the job to fight against fraud in the election. The spark that brought life to the G. O. P. here was the inspiring speech of President Hoover at Des Moines.

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mond and watch and money and call it off?’

“On the night of the robbery, the defendant and his two companions hired a taxicab, and, after being driven to several different parts of town, were driven to the neighborhood of Allman’s saloon, where they left the taxicab for a few minutes, stating that they were going to get a drink. Shortly thereafter the men returned to the car, and, while being driven away, the chauffeur heard one of them remark: ‘The poor * * * was scared to death and fell down behind the bar,’ and one of the other men said, ‘He went down to get a gun,’ and the third man said, ‘That made no difference, I had a bead on him anyway.’

“At the time of or just after the preliminary hearing, defendant told one of the city detectives that he had talked to Allman, and that he ‘was going to throw the stuff back and square it all up with All- man; that Allman was making a big holler about a diamond; it is not worth over \$60.’”

Alibi Dicounted.

“The evidence upon the part of the defendant was substantially as follows: Defendant, testifying in his own behalf, stated that on the day preceding the robbery he went to his usual place of work about 6 o'clock in the morning, and quit work about 6:45 that evening, went home, ate his supper, changed clothing, and went downtown to attend the Wonderland Picture Show; that after the performance he returned home about 10:30 and remained at home throughout the night. He denied participation in the robbery and denied riding in the taxicab on the night in question.

“In rebuttal, the state introduced witnesses who testified that defendant’s general reputation for truth, veracity and morality was bad.”

All judges concurred in affirming the conviction.

Soda Pop Racket.

Lazia now heads a soda pop manufacturing concern in Kansas City, which has an exclusive monopoly at all soda fountains north of Eighth Street.

The soda pop racket in Kansas City is what really began the scandal stirred up this year by Rabbi Samuel S. Mayerberg. Following the Walkathon affair, in which City Manager McElroy, Pendergast’s City Hall spokesman, closed the Walkathon, it developed that the real bug under the chip was Lazia. Operators of the contest

refused to sell Lazia's soda pop, so Lazia visited McElroy and the famous closing order resulted.

One of the most luxurious gambling dens in this section was started by Lazia. It was known as Cuban Gardens in Clay County, north of North Kansas City. Thousands of dollars changed hands nightly at this elite club prior to its closing. Lazia admitted he started the club but published his withdrawal prior to the closing.