

'Jimmy' Finds Pinch-Hitting for 'Uncle Tom' No Easy Assignment

James M. Pendergast.

While Democratic Chief Tours Europe, His Substitute Hears Scores Plead for Political Favors.

Being an understudy for a political leader is no soft snap, according to James M. Pendergast, who is pinch hitting for his uncle, T. J. Pendergast, during the latter's vacation in Europe.

Three days a week the nephew of the dominant leader of the Democratic party in Kansas City must listen to the woes of various persons, who back their demands for political favors with the vow they always have voted the Democratic ticket straight.

Today job hunters thronged the headquarters of the Jackson Democratic club at 1908 Main street, even overflowing into the street below. Everyone who requested an audience had some good reason to show why he should be given a job in preference to the hundred or more who followed.

"Jimmy," as he is known to the rank and file of the Democratic workers, has adopted an even more democratic attitude toward the followers of the organization than his uncle. The door to his private office is left open at all times and those waiting may overhear his conversations with the ones that precede.

Times are bad, according to the observations of Pendergast. Everyone requesting an interview wants a job. Friday he talked to 490 and each of them wanted work.

During the absence of his uncle, "Jimmy" will hold "court" three times a week—Monday, Wednesday and Friday. On "those days he will endeavor to meet the demands of the "trench workers" of the party.