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My dear Friend:

I have spent my entire lifetime in an attempt to earn a livelihood in the hide, wool and fur business. At no stage of the game have I particularly interested myself in politics, which is a business in itself and few of us outside of its realm understand.

I am proud, however, to enjoy the friendship of Mr. T. J. Pendergast, who is looked upon as a Democratic leader in Kansas City and Missouri. Perhaps in all American history there never was a national figure who was more misunderstood than Mr. Pendergast. To summarize Mr. Pendergast, all who know him agree that his word is his bond, that no one could have a greater ambition than to live so that it could be said of him, "that his word is his bond."

In the heat of a political campaign one hears all manner of things; false accusations are scattered, facts and figures are falsely stated. It is not my intention to set forth the merits of any individual in the Democratic Primary to be held August 2nd. I do know that my good friend, Mr. Pendergast, is engaged in a political battle which he is intent on winning, a battle which is not of his own making, but was forced on him by the opposition,

namely Governor Stark, who has proved himself an ingrate. The Governor asked for and received the support of the Kansas City organization at the time of his election and, upon his entrance into office has done and is doing everything to destroy the integrity of the man who put him in the office which he proudly holds.

It is not my desire to trespass on your political views, but I feel that every fair-minded individual will at once recognize the ingratitude of the Governor, who at others expense, is attempting to tear down an organization which supported him, so that he himself might be mounted on the pedestal of political leadership.

Unfortunately this Primary fight centers itself on the candidate for a Supreme Court Judgeship. Mr. Pendergast is endorsing the candidacy of the Hon. Jus. J. Billings. Mr. Billings' past record has proven he has every qualification for this high and important office. I, therefor, ask your support of this gentleman in the coming Primary Election.

Cordially yours,

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