

Nov. 26, 1935.

Mr. Geo. G. Starmer,  
c/o Rockafellow Hotel & Bath House,  
Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas.

My dear Col. Starmer:

On my return home from Washington, D. C., I find your much appreciated letter of November 15th, written from Hot Springs, Ark., and also a very cordial letter from Mr. E. N. Peterson, of St. Joseph, on the same subject.

I am glad you wrote me fully as you did, as I believe the best way to handle a matter of this kind is to approach it frankly, and lay all cards upon the table.

When Dr. Whitsell called on me, I knew nothing about him whatever; had never even met him and, of course, knew nothing of Mr. Pendergast's intentions about the matter. It struck as that it was too soon to commence organization work of that kind, and I advised him accordingly.

I think it would be advisable to wait two or three months before freeing up an organisation. Naturally, I will see Mr. Pendergast before any State or District Managers are finally decided upon, and I would like to get all of our friends together and see if we can't get a harmonious agreement about the conduct of the campaign.

I formed a very favorable opinion of Dr. Whitsell and, of course, desire his friendship and support.

It is unnecessary for you to cite your record and accomplishments to me, Colonel. I know what you can do in a political way and I value your friendship and support most highly. I sincerely hope you will return home greatly benefited by your sojourn at Hot Springs, and

that I will have the pleasure of sailing upon you in St. Joseph in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

LLOYD C. STARK.

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