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Major Lloyd C. Stark  
Louisiana, Missouri

My dear Major:

Your letter received and contents carefully noted.

As far as I know there is no decided sentiment for any candidate for Governor in Lewis County. People think well of you, but I have heard but few commitments to anyone.

Roy McKittrick, if he should become a candidate, will have a nucleus of support to begin with, but how extensively, I do not know.

If Mr. Aylward should become a candidate he will have both support and opposition, because he will be recognized as the Pendergast candidate. If Senator Lindsey, of Clinton, should enter the race he would ~ have a good showing in Lewis County. He was raised in the County and was educated at the College here.

Your chances to carry Lewis County will depend largely upon your organization here and this should be begun early, in a quiet way.

I have been in Clark, Scotland, Adair and Knox recently. I have heard the matter discussed in each County to some extent, but people in those counties seem to be as undetermined as to choice as they are here.

I did not mention the situation in Scotland, if Miller of St. Louis should become a candidate. He would probably carry the County, because he was raised there and is

personally popular.

There are some who believe that Pendergast will name the next candidate for Governor; others think that Clark, Truman, and Pendergast are all supporting

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the same candidate, and if so, that candidate will win; another group believes that if anyone can get the opposition to Pendergast, if there are three or four candidates, he will succeed. There is more talk about Pendergast than all the candidates combined.

I have not yet committed myself to the support of anyone. I usually wait until I know who the candidate will be before making a choice.

I have written you plainly, but only in a very general way, because I could not safely predict what would be your opposition in Lewis and the Counties about, at this time.

Very truly yours,

James T. Lloyd

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