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St. Louis Mo.

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Major Lloyd Stark:

Dear Sir.

Please allow the writer to wish you real success as our next Governor of our beloved State of Missouri.

For the past two months a number public spirited, high minded liberty loving St Louis German American Citizens have had you in mind as our choice for Candidate for our next Governor.

Now according to the Press of 10/16/35 Mr. T. J. Pendergast has announced he will support you for that high and Hard office, which will, I hope ensure you the nomination, and we trust the Election to Office, providing of course we overcome the ill effects of so called machine politics, which will no doubt have an important bearing in your coming campaign, as this will be one of the issues stressed by our Republican friends.

We have started campaigning to sell your qualifications to the Voters of St Louis.

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Only last night, at our Meeting of the Regular Democratic Organization of the 16th Ward, we went on record endorsing you for our Candidate for the Nomination to be held Aug. next.

After our Alderman Mr. Chas. O'Connor, our Committeeman Mr. Herbert Schmitt, and Committeewoman, Mrs. Lottie C. Walsh, and Our State Senator Mr. William Lewis, stated to assembled Voters your Qualifications, the endorsement was unanimous, as we were striving to be the first Ward in St. Louis to endorse your Candidacy, only to learn later, the 28th Ward, had already endorsed you Tuesday Eve the 15th.

I am no politician as you will note, only a Retired Traveling Salesman, retired to the scrap heap due to Capitalistic Mergers of big business, formerly made every town in your own Pike County by by team over the old tollroads, and covered some of the poorest roads in other parts of the state, Hub Deep Ruts.

Your efforts, work, and results as chairman of the Citizens Good Roads Committee will stand as a living Memorial to your ability

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as a republic official of work, well done, and efficiently executed.

Serving as a Election Judge for the past seven years in St. Louis, and twenty years on the Road, feel I can judge human nature, and I feel sure, we the independent German, and Progressive Voters of this City can insure your election as far as St. Louis Mo. is concerned.

From observation and experience our task is only the common sense planning and directing our people in the proper course to a better day now and for lasting results for the future

generations. All Citizens and elected Officers, aiding and co-operating to place Missouri where it belongs "The Show Me" State, demonstrating to the world, just what a honest, efficient, Business like, administration will do to make for Missourians the best place in the U.S.A. to Live in, Work in, and Prosper. Thanking you for your time. Yours Very Truly

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