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Major Lloyd C. Stark,  
Louisiana, Missouri.

Dear Major:

The situation here is not as bad as I thought and I believe that I can handle it. I was fearful that if you came here you might be involved quite innocently, for there is quite a bit of sniping going on. I would suggest that you do not make any commitments to any visitors that may come to you. A trip to Europe for three months might be enjoyable and profitable.

Judge Monroe is getting his work started and I believe they will quit quarreling in that quarter.

You asked about Dr. W. J. Bryan of Mt. Vernon, he is of good Kentucky stock was bom in Callaway County, graduated from Missouri University and in Medicine from Northwestern University. He was at Fulton State Hospital two years as an assistant was thrown out and practiced in Flat River until he was appointed to Mt. Vernon. He was an intimate friend of the late Dr. and Colonel Cockrell. While I only met him last Thursday my impression is that he is alright in every way, and doing exceptionally well in his present job and will accomplish much there. Colonel Bouchard knows him and can fill out. The Doctor and his wife are aggressively for you but I do not believe that he came out before the O.K. from higher up.

There is very little profit now in either making promises or leading any one to believe

that you feel under a great load of obligation to anyone. Frankly, as perhaps your first supporter in this particular campaign, I picked you because I felt that you were the outstanding man in the party or in the State from the stand-point of background, education and training and at a gathering of all of the notables, I felt that you and Mrs. Stark would make a Governor and First Lady that Missouri could be most proud of.

You may owe some patronage in the end to individuals, but I would suggest you not be swayed by this too much, for now you can be rather aloof and can become the Governor. In this connection I want nothing but the friendship of two very charming persons and the best administration that this old state has had.

I do not believe that Mr. Pendergast will endorse any but good men, he never has in Kansas City. There is however a very unhealthy condition around the Capitol, too much drinking particularly mixed drinking.

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In the end it will get us and I speak as an anti-prohibitionist and a very liberal minded person, I am advising the youngsters to cut it out and I took my last drink in Joplin until after election and after that it depends entirely on the activity in hand. Both Senator Trueman and Grover James expressed themselves to me on this subject in a general way and I decided to mix around and see how bad it really was with the result that I accumulated too much altho I turned down all drinks possible. If I did or did not make an ass of myself it will make no difference for I was disgusted.

Mixed drinking in politics is bound to create very many unfortunate conditions and is demoralizing the women in politics. We cant correct it but we can discourage some of it by example.

This letter is overly long and I hope you will not think that I presume to much, I only express my opinions and do not define policy.

By the way Dr. Bryan showed me clearly the need of a colored tuberculosis hospital with colored help throughout and to be located near Sedalia or Jefferson City. From a humanitarian and social standpoint it is good and as a political stroke embodied in the platform it would be great.

My attitude toward our colored folks is that they should be treated well and fairly but isolated and kept so. We have them in the party now, we can keep them if we take care of them and keep them in their place.

Cooper County is a problem. I want to know if Judge Roy Williams of Boonville was an original supporter of yours. If you are not obligated to him please be tactful in any promises or commitments in that quarter for after the County Convention there may be some things show up.

Mrs. Osborne was disappointed in not being in Joplin, for after my hunting trip turned to politics I called for her hoping that she could run down by train but was unable to get in touch with her in time. She joins me in best wishes to Mrs. Stark and yourself.

Believe me,  
Yours faithfully,  
C. D. Osborne  
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