

Jan. 31, 1936.

Hon. Gil P. Bourke,  
Kansas City,  
Missouri.

My dear Mr. Bourke:

I have just learned, with much pleasure, of the announcement that you will take over the political activities of our mutual friend, Cas Welch, and wish for you the same success that he has enjoyed for many years.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

LCS.PMC                      LLOYD C. STARK.

#### CAS WELCH OUT OF POLITICAL ARENA

#### Kansas City Factional Head Retires In Favor Of Gil P. Bourke

After more than forty years of activity in Kansas City Democratic politics, Casimir J. Welch, factional leader, is stepping aside on the retirement list and has turned the political reins over to Gil P. Bourke, a member of the state legislature and Welch's faithful lieutenant along Kansas City's Democratic Fiftenth street.

Welch's announcement of retirement was a surprise to many of his friends and followers. A few close to him, however, had expected the announcement, but not as soon as it was made. Bourke already has stepped into the political shoes of his "boss" and

those who want favor or want to know what is what along Fifteenth street, now are going to "Boss" Bourke.

### Ill Health Factor

Failing health and the shock of the death recently of his wife are the reasons for Welch's retirement from politics. He has gone to San Antonio, a warmer climate, upon orders of his physician, to rest and gain back his health. Welch upon his return to Kansas City, will resume command of his justice of the peace court on Fifteenth street but so far as activity in politics, as he has been accustomed to for forty years, Welch has given that up. When he "comes back home" he will "take it easy."

Bourke, his successor, is a native Kansas Citian is 40 years old and is known widely in Democratic political circles throughout the state, as well as in Kansas City and Jackson county. He has been a member of the Missouri house of representatives six years.