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Altenburg MO

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Dear Major –

They called me last Sat. to report here The 7th Congressional dis. Is in good shape for a Rep. district. The political minded are back of you, they know the city attitude and will string along of course[.] Hirth will get votes, the per. Will be low, and they are not fighting for his cause. His paper has a very small circulation. Had a long talk with Frank he said he was going to win for Congress. As he appointed many of the post masters, they are putting him on the spot, they know if another man is nominated at primary, their jobs will last only four yrs. Mr Lee said he would contact all his post masters for the Hirth Circulation, he thinks the list is not needed, but if you still want it, just write him.

Mr T. Roberts Repes. Of Newton County, Diamond Mo. Will send the list in from his county, you have been in town with fix.

Spent Monday at Marshall, the three factions were on me from the start, heard their stories and said nothing. They are all for you, but some are making to much noise, the silent

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vote always carries Saline County. Dr. Conway, Mick Montague, Percy Brown with Dan Powers lack can muster a few votes, best their mouths are to large. On line with, that is, use some tactics as McSmith Jr. at Slater.

When you go with Saline to be taken around the business places etc, my suggestion would be T.H. Harvey. Mr Harvey is our probate Judge-old-lawyer, commands more respect than any one I know of. Friend of Jim Reed, B. Clark, K.C. organization etc. Old family knows everyone in Saline County. At Slater (hot nest) would use Henry Cline in the band. Young, strong, respected, knows the low down, works with all.

I have always got along with all factions, know them etc. Althou these men have never known (Harry O Kline) when an outstate Candidate needed the majority vote, sent them to the said, and their influence always played the part.

Some of the farmers in Saline will go for Hirth, old friends, dating way back, told all to lay off of them, for they will not use their influence, unless hammered at. The County primary election is being bitter fought. Glad your stump speeches will some when the counties are back to normal. Better fors in County elections, are stained friends

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in State politics, thank God.

Have spent some time in St Louis, the president will draw some fine, but we will not lose all the 50,000 dem. Majority from last election.

Altenburg, german settlement, 289 population in Perry County, many of the dutch are democratics of course, that is in their favour. Cape Girardeau, Jackson, Perryville, De Soto, Crystal City, and Ste. Genevieve (one of your past meeting places) are rather close.

The project is located at Wittenberg, 4 miles east on Miss R., (sand plant) getting out material for the slab work on route 25. Probably will be here around thirty five days.

The situation looks very promising to all, the hardest thing is to make them work, the Rep. are surely doing all they can.

The W.P.A. personal is catching plenty hell from out state counties, would not use any more of them than I could help in the campaign, they have friends who would be more useful, and make less work for all. Must close and put some more stamps in circulation.

With the best of wishes to you, and Your family.

Always Sye

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