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Hon. Jack Stapleton,
Editor, "THE STANBERRY HEADLIGHT",
Stanberry, Missouri.

My dear Jack:

Yours of December 24th received, and I am very glad that the apples reached you in good condition, and that you and Bernice enjoyed them.

I am greatly tempted to break several previous engagements so as to be present at the Northwest Missouri Press Association meeting in St. Joseph on January 10th and 11th. I must be in Springfield for the Jackson Day Banquet on January 8th, and if I find on my return from there that I can, come to St. Joseph, I will do so.

I would like to come as an unexpected visitor, so would prefer that you say nothing about it in advance. I have many warm friends among the Northwest Missouri Editors, including yourself of course, but the local situation in St. Joseph is still a little strained and I do not wish, for obvious reasons, to have it known in advance that I may come there.

I had a long talk with Jim Aylward in Jefferson City this week, and he reports the situation as getting better and better all the time, if that is possible. The recent show of activity, on the part of the Missouri Republican leaders, has really done them more harm than good. Jim is planning to start his organization work in the counties, by means of district meetings, beginning in Marsh, and I think, from then on, we will have an active campaign. There are a number of things that I would like to talk to you about in the near future, and that is another reason why I will try to come to St. Joseph for the Editors' meeting, if possible. Keep this "under your hat", however, until I see you.

With all good wishes for the New Year to members of the Stapleton family, I remain,

Sincerely yours,
LLOYD C. STARK.
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