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HIRTH DENIES DEAL WITH JESSE BARRETT

Anti-Pendergast Democrat Says Collusion Reports 'Entirely False.'

By Associated Press.

COLUMBIA, MO., May 30.—William Hirth today denied he was running for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination merely to “rock the boat” and assure the election of former Attorney General Jesse W. Barrett, candidate for the Republican nomination.

“There is a tremendous state-wide undercurrent against Pendergastism, and if I am elected in the primary it is entirely possible that Missouri will elect a Republican Governor,” the Columbia farm leader declared.

“But the insinuation that there is any collusion between me and Mr. Barrett or any other Republican leaders is entirely false.

“I never pretended to be a 'yellow dog' Democrat, but in my time I have struck more and harder blows for the Democratic party than all the state Democratic candidates combined.

“President Roosevelt evidently considers me a good Democrat, because he appointed me to the PWA Board of Missouri and named me one of the five citizens in the United States to act on the national commission to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Federal Constitution.”

Hirth met declarations that he held no hope for the nomination by asserting he expected thousands of Democratic and Republican voters to mark their ballot for him by way of protesting against the Democratic organization headed by T. J. Pendergast of Kansas City.

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Mr. Arthur Foster,

Secretary, Out-State Negro Democratic Club,
404 East McCarty Street,
Jefferson City, Mo.

Dear Foster:

Thank you so much for your letter of May 31st, and for the clipping from the St. Louis GLOBE-DEMOCRAT, which you enclosed.

We have moved our Louisiana office to headquarters, and I shall expect to be in and out of Jefferson City during the remainder of the summer.

Again thanking you, I am,

Very truly yours,

LLOYD C. STARK.
LCS.PMC