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September 26 - Jesse W. Barrett, Republican nominee for Governor, was the principal speaker tonight at the opening of the Jefferson County Republican campaign. He said in part:

"We want a government of law, not of men. At present, we have in the of Capitol a government of men, not law.

"Superintendent of Insurance O'Malley is an outstanding example. He loses his head, but never his energy. With furious fervor he avows vengeance against his opponents. He mixes motion, commotion and emotion. He looks on his public powers as a personal possession, yet his duties are of a nature which should be discharged impartially and impersonally.

He still is trying to drive all the fraternal insurance societies out of the State all the fraternal insurance societies out of the State; yet he characterizes their fight for existence as an attempt to dictate his politics. He is threatening to throw the Knights of Columbus out of the State at the present hour; in fact, he says he would do this if he performed his whole duty. Just recently, the Knights of Columbus were examined by the State of Connecticut which characterized them as 118.9% solvent. The examiners said they were one of the highest class fraternal insurance societies in the United States. Despite this, Mr. O'Malley has now demanded the right to send a staff of his own examiners to make a duplicate examination which would cost thousands of dollars. The Knights of Columbus have objected and Mr. O'Malley now threatens to put them out of Missouri. Last December, not as Insurance Superintendent, but acting in his individual capacity as a stockholder, he filed a suit in the Circuit Court of Jackson County asking that the Genoa Building at 3200 Main Street, Kansas City, be put in receivership because they had leased space to the Knights of Columbus for a rental which Mr. O'Malley said was inadequate. He asked an injunction to compel the Knights of Columbus to pay a higher rent. It is a matter of record, however, that Mr. O'Malley was expelled from the 4th degree of the Knights of Columbus. Does that circumstance account for his attitude toward them, and possibly for his attitude toward all fraternal organizations?

As a further example of his impartial and impersonal administration of his duties, Mr. O'Malley has now told the fraternal societies that they

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dare not continue their fight against Major Stark. He says he will not permit them to spend policyholders' funds for such purposes. Notice, however, this handsome rotogravure supplement of The Missouri Review, which is a very expensive piece of printing. You see it contains pictures of Major Stark, the Major's farm, the Major's family, the Major's home, and so forth. Now notice the advertisements which paid for this piece of political propaganda. Here is a quarter page advertisement from an insurance company

which Mr. O'Malley himself says is insolvent. He has placed a 50% lien against all of its policies and the lien is still there. The officers of that company are Republicans. Has Mr. O'Malley told them they cannot waste policyholders' money on political propaganda? On the contrary, did not the Superintendent force them to pay for this advertisement, yet in this case, the expenditure is for partisanship only, whereas in the case of the fraternal societies, they are fighting for their life.

And, to make matters still more interesting, we can say with certainty that someone at this moment is getting double-crossed. There are two large fraternal societies in this State who did not join in the fight against Major Stark, and their officers state that they have been assured that Major Stark will not reappoint Mr. O'Malley. The word has been conveyed to them not by Major Stark, nor even by his political friends, but by certain social and personal friends of the Major who say they know the Major's intent. Superintendent O'Malley does not know this. He is battling vigorously for Major Stark even to the point of using his official powers oppressively. He has staged a one-man, big-brother movement in behalf of the Major, and, meanwhile, states with confidence to his callers what the policies of his Department will be for the next four years. Somebody is going to be very disappointed — either Mr. O'Malley, if he is not reappointed, or the fraternal societies, if he is reappointed. Maybe Major Stark could settle the question by giving a clear and unequivocal statement of what he intends to do, but he will not. He is in the position of the dying man who was asked by the parson, "Do you renounce the devil and all his works?" and he replied, "Parson, if I am as sick as I think I am, don't you think it is a bad time to be taking on new enemies?"