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Honorable Jesse W. Barrett
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Dear Governor:

I am in receipt of your note of January 21st. I have no objection to the Post Dispatch publishing the little circular I sent you but I do not want it signed and published as though I had sent it as a publication to them. If they want to publish it just as it is written and then in a paragraph publish the fact that I am the author of it, I am perfectly willing, but I do not want to have it appear that I am sending out a signed article for publication.

The fact of it is that I did not publish it. When the photogravure page of the Star published the murals I got a little hot under the collar and took my pen in hand that night. The next day George Sayles, Secretary of the Union League Club, read it and asked me for a copy of it. The next I knew he had published about two thousand copies of it and a lot of them were sent around over the State. I have twenty-five or thirty letters from men and women in different parts of the State commending it and apparently the general public is

pretty thoroughly disgusted with the whole proposition.

I suppose you know that the Grand Jury up here has already indicted thirty-six pole-cats who helped to steal the last election and they have only begun their work. I have a great suspicion from things that I hear that they are going to get some of the higher-ups on both sides of the fence. You will recall that I made some remarks on the subject of dishonest elections in the last campaign and I am finding considerable satisfaction in the fact that I have been completely vindicated in what I said.

I note that they are trying to bring the Lincoln Day Banquet to Kansas City. In view of the rotten situation up here, that is about the worst political blunder that could be made. I have a strong suspicion that a lot of the men who are trying to borrow prestige off the Republican Party by bringing it here will be indicted before February 12th.

Yours as ever

Homer B. Mann

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