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Hon. Francis Wilson,
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My dear Brother Wilson:-

It is hardly necessary for me to say that I am very much delighted with the returns from the primary for Governor. Nor was I at all surprised that you won the race with such a large plurality. I was prepared for that from my contacts with representatives from all parts of Missouri here at the Convention. As Governor Fred Gardner expressed it to me, "It's a cinch that Wilson will win." Mr. Pendergast also assured me that you would win. Also men from southeast Missouri said the same thing.

I have not written you before this because I know that you must have been flooded with congratulatory letters and telegrams shortly after the victory. I wanted this, my letter, to come when you might have more time to read it.

I am enclosing a clipping from part of an editorial from the Kansas City STAR. I consider it a very great compliment to you, -and certainly well deserved.

My gratification over your victory is twofold; first, I feel that the Democracy of Missouri has honored a most worthy man who can and will give the state an efficient and honest administration because he knows what the state needs and how to bring those ideas into action, and will reduce the waste in public expenditures; second, I indulge the hope that through your good grace I may be enabled to get back to the dear old state where I have so many, many friends and where my wife and I have so many tender ties.

What follows pertains to the matter about which you and I had conversation in the lobby of the Morrison Hotel when you were here at the Convention. Perhaps it may seem a little premature, but I am giving it to you for your information, so that you will be better

prepared when the time comes for you to consider the matter of making your appointments.

I was for twenty years connected with the School for the Deaf at Fulton. Five years as teacher, seven years as assistant superintendent, and eight years as Superintendent. After the election of Governor Hyde I resigned to take effect the following June. I did not resign because I wanted to do so. I did it because I saw that his newly appointed. Board Members were beginning to meddle in the institution affairs even before they had been sworn in, and that sooner or later they would "hatch up" some trivial excuse for my removal. I had a bright clean record of successful administration and honorable conduct, and I felt that it were better for me to maintain that record unsullied by even some small trumped up charge that they might invent. I also knew from inside information that they had (Gov. Hyde had) a man slated for the place,-a man whom I knew would stoop to almost anything to get my place, because for years he had been trying to undermine me,-his way of showing gratitude to me for giving him a place as a teacher when he needed it. He was elected when I left and served for two years till his death.

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When he was elected, the Republican Board immediately, almost, just doubled the salary of the Superintendent and furnished him with an automobile. They have continued to pay this salary to his successors even to this day, so I'm informed. At present the Superintendent is receiving the highest salary of any man in the U.S. for the same sort of service. He is getting too much according to my judgment. But the G.O.P. always seems to love to pay their appointees very liberally.

Another thing I want to tell you about is thhe way I was treated by the Republican Board of Managers and the Governors.

There was due me for unpaid salary when I left June 1st 1921, \$750. The Board admitted it to be a just debt, (it is so recorded in their minutes of June 1921), through my lawyer I appealed to the leg legislature for a relief bill for this amount, the House and the Senate passed it, but the Republican Governor, Hyde, vetoed it; the same occurred

under Governor Baker and he did likewise.

They could unreasonably raise the salary of their own much above the usual, but they could not pay me, a Democrat, what their own Board admitted as a just debt.

You will pardon this long confidential letter I'm sure because I am sure that I have your sympathy and your good will, and that you know that if I am returned to the good old state I shall be of those who will give you every sort of cooperation in making your administration a grand success.

With all good wishes for your good health, happiness, and success, I am,

Cordially, fraternally and respectfully,

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Chicago, Ill.

P.S. Attached hereto is a copy of a letter of recommendation written by DeWitt Masters, editor of the Perry Enterprise, Perry, Mo. It was addressed to Gov. Connor of Mississippi when I had been informed last winter that there would be an opening there. It was misinformation however. But the letter is of value to you perhaps.

Mr. Masters is the only Dem. member of the Board of Managers of the School for the Deaf now. He was a member when I left and had been for several years.

J.S.M.

[P.S. I'm not writing to any one else regarding this matter. Leaving it to you only. Some of my friends asked me this spring if I'd be interested if Mo. should go Dem this fall - but I've not mentioned this to any of them. I think it best not to get up any fight. M.]

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The Sweep to Wilson

The sweep for Francis M. Wilson for the Democratic nomination for governor testifies to the confidence of his party in the veteran from Platte County. It is merited recognition of long and upright public service. The Democrats throughout the state know Senator Wilson and believe in him. His record is assurance that if elected he will carry on as he always has, in accordance with his conception of the public welfare.

Because of the complexities of the long ballot, it is necessary to defer comment on the