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Apartment Wednesday.

Dear Igoe:

Letter received containing memorandum about prohibition. Thanks. We will go over the subject fully before anything is said.

The State Bar Association holds its annual banquet Saturday night, April 23 at Columbia. It will be largely in honor of Mr. Thompson your city and Boyle Clark of Columbia, presidents American Bar Association and State Bar Association. Lawyers will be there from practically all over the state. Some have written me from Springfield and other points in that territory that they will attend. Vermont lawyers will be out in full force.

I am wondering if it will be so that you can be there. It would be possible for you to leave on the Wabash somewhere around noon and if it so you cannot remain overnight it would be possible for you to take an early morning Wabash for St. Louis. Your presence would be helpful. Furthermore there are a number of things I would like to talk over with you. Of course if any of our lawyer friends can attend would appreciate their doing so.

I suggest that if you, and possibly others can attend that you write Hon. J.E. Boggs, or telephone him for room reservations. Possibly best to telephone him. Think you will enjoy a talk with our friend Ed. Watson of the Columbia Tribune who is "mussing up" Russell, dear.

What effect the attack on the Pendergast organization and on Pendergast as "King Tom" will have in the rural districts is problematical. From letters already received, I am inclined to believe it will be helpful to Vermont. Pendergast, as you know, is charged at least with scattering promises of support and so candidates who are not on his alleged list and their supporters will be quick to take up the cry "down with Pendergast and "boss" domination. There is no use talking party harmony as an essential to party success to such a crowd. What they most desire is vengeance and to h.... with the party.

But we cannot prevent their attacks. Certain it is, I can do nothing with Pendergast and have simply quit trying. He seems to be a law unto himself. Thinking that I am safe, his main and most sincere effort appears to be to "put Howell over" and there you are. It is a bad condition any way you look at it insofar as the country is concerned, but we must make the best of it and go along. Of course there will be resentment against Dearmont joining with Caulfield, Hyde, Clements, Curtis et al in their attacks on the allied Jackson county organization which gave to the state ticket in 1930 majorities running as high as \$55,000. But everything is topsy-turvy now and we will have to await

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developments and take them as they come.

It looks like that I will have practically every metropolitan newspaper against me with the exception of the Springfield Press and the Kansas City Star. I no longer regard the Globe-Democrat as friendly as before the convention. Far from it. Something occurred which changed the current of feeling. Asa Hutson was in Jefferson City since then and it reported to have said to some of his intimates that the Governor's race would be close in St. Louis with chances in favor of Dearmont by a nice majority; that he was making inroads on my strength everywhere to an extent which surprised him very much. While saying that I would in the end defeat Dearmont for the nomination because of Pendergast support his "broadcasting" was of the undersutting, harmful kind. I think his talk to you about my attempt at a speech at Brookfield was largely apologetic and explanatory. I forwarded him full copy of this speech with a little personal note suggesting that as there was to be found in the fight of Jefferson somewhat of a counterpart in the way of personal attacks &c that he be sure and include this in his story. This was the paragraph I talked to you about over the telephone. There were other little friendly, cordial comments, none of which, however, he cannot print. I am enclosing you full report of the speech as it appeared in the last or "sports edition of the St. Louis Star which you say you never saw. I think it was in other editions. I am ending it for no other purpose than to direct your attention to this paragraph and to other "politics" interwoven, Or so attempted. I thought an observance of Jefferson's birthday was rather a poor time to depart into a discussion of state issues as Hutson seems to desire. To draw the parallel before and

after the convention, my Jackson day speech, devoted practically entirely to Jackson received nearly a column in the Globe. To sum it up, Hutson merely printed the Associated Press report, which was printed generally. Other papers printed much of it. But in the face of the wide and extensive publicity he is giving Dearmont, particularly his contemplated attack on Pendergast together with his every movement no matter how small leaves little doubt in my mind of the change in feeling. But this is another matter that while regretted cannot be helped and I'll go right along as if as "green" as thought to be. Every Republican chieftan is for Dearmont, so I understand, and it may be that at the Republican convention a general understanding was reached by Caulfield, Hyde, Clements and others to support Dearmont and, as you know, Hutson is first of all a Republican. I am grateful to him for what he has done and so the matter ends. No more little personal notes. He will receive what printed matter I have to give out and he may treat it as contemptuously as he did my last and [text stricken through] him so it goes again. I am sadly disappointed in Asa.

I do sincerely hope to meet with you at Columbia. There is much I would like to talk over with you.

Francis.

Please destroy at once.