

HARRY S. TRUMAN

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Mr. Carl B. Jenkins, Secretary, Dept. of Civics, Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir:

In reply to yours of this 15th inst. in regard to the mixture of business and politics, I believe that you have put a wrong construction on my statement that 'politics and business will not mix'.

As you know, in this country politics is government and when I say that politics and business will not mix, I do not mean that business methods should not be used to carry on the government. It is my opinion that if a man devotes his time to the offices of County Judge he will have all the business he can look after without having his own private affairs taking up the time the public pays for. That has been the trouble in the past. Most of our county judges have tried to make the county's business a side issue and instead of business administrations we have had the other kind.

If I have anything to do with the management of this county's affairs in the next two years there will be a decided change from the present.

And if we have the proper management we will have a 'business' administration. I expect to be the county's servant just the same as if I were president of a private corporation. I still maintain that the county's business, or politics or government as you please will not mix with my private affairs.

Yours truly,

Harry S. Truman.