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TRUMAN-TARK-MILLIGAN

Missouri Democrats, from every county and city in the state, met at St. Louis last Monday, and out of a tolerant spirit and political sagacity, named the Governor, Lloyd Grow Stark, one of the delegates at large to the National Democratic Convention, although he was booed when his name was mentioned and some of his political advertisements were torn down, There was a strong undercurrent among the delegates attending the convents against him and heroic efforts had to be made by cooler heads to prevent an outbreak on the floor against him that would have gathered sufficient momentum to have eliminated from the list his name as one of the delegates at large. Both Senators Clark and Truman in the interest and promotion of harmony were willing and advised that the Governor be made one of the delegates at large. The chief objection to Stark was that he had during his term of office ignored local Democratic organizations in the counties and cities of the state as well as representative Democrats in the different precincts and communities of the state in the matter of patronage, There were other minor objections heard, one, principally, that he had spent most of his term of office in other states in an attempt to build himself up a personal national following.

There was not the slightest opposition to Senator Truman. Apparently he was the strongest Democrat among the delegates. Milligan was mentioned very little by them. The general view of the delegates regarding the candidates for the senate was that Stark was an impossibility from a party standpoint, that is, if he were nominated, he would be a millstone around the Democratic party's neck this fall and probably result in the election of a Republican United States Senator. That Milligan would make no headway in the campaign, because the only platform he has for asking the nomination at the hands of the party is he has busted up a Democratic machine and put a lot of crooked Democrats in the penitentiary. This would be an effective appeal to Republicans, but not Democrats, no matter how meritorious it might be, and as Milligan has nothing else to offer in the way of outstanding party service, he will wind up a slow horse in the race.

Senator Truman is an upright man. He is not an egotist. His mind and habits are clean. He is not a pussy-footer. He will always tell you where he stands. He never practices the usual tricks of the politician with his constituents, but always gives them the facts and tells them just what he can and will do in any matter. He has gone through the fire of corruption in Kansas City politics without a blemish upon him and this proves his absolute honesty. President Roosevelt, his cabinet members and every Democratic United States Senator are for his re-election. He has supported the Roosevelt administration, has stood by the farmers of the country, worked in the

interest of the aged, labor and widows and orphans and the American Legion. He is running upon his own record and has no apologies to make for anything he has done. He is loyal to his personal friends and thankful to the Democrats of Missouri for their support in the past. He is not mad at anybody and has no axe to grind. All he asks at the hands of the Missouri Democrats is his return to office if they believe he has made a good servant, that and nothing more. What would Milligan or Stark do for the farmer, labor, aged, widows and orphans that Truman would not do? Why swap off a good saddle horse for one you don't know how he will ride? If Senator Truman has rendered satisfactory service, reward him for it by voting for him again. When a public servant has been loyal to the people, the people should remain loyal to him. Don't be foolish enough to vote against him just because Tom Pendergast was for him. Remember Tom Pendergast was for Stark and helped Milligan secure his appointment as United States District Attorney.

It is generally conceded that Senator Truman will carry Kansas City and Jackson county and if he does he will be nominated beyond any doubt, and if he is nominated the Democrats of Kansas City and Jackson county will follow him to the polls in November and roll up the usual Democratic majority there and nobody knows this better than the Republican politicians of the state.