

JACKSON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE
EUGENE P. DONNELLY, CHAIRMAN
WALTOWER BUILDING KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

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Mr. Sam Wear,
Springfield, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Wear:

The Republican party leaders, the Republican controlled press and some misguided Democrats, are making much ado about two matters of extreme importance to the great party of Jefferson, Jackson and Roosevelt, and to all real Democrats in Missouri. These are:

- (1) The Contest for the office of Governor.
- (2) The City Election in St. Louis to be held next April.

Our old friend the Republican press is entirely too solicitous about the future of our party in regard to both of these important matters. The Democratic party, they say, will spend years recovering from the effects of the present contest. Misguided Democrats voice much the same opinion. They say the party will be hurt if Republican Donnell is not seated as Governor of Missouri. I say to you in all candor that if he is seated the party will be ruined for years to come in Missouri.

Seating Donnell will enable the opposition party to build a state-wide machine (organization to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and the Kansas City Star) that will be as iniquitous as the old Koeln-Kiel-Foreistel-St. Louis combine, of infamous memory.

In my humble Judgment the re-election of Mayor Dickmann in St. Louis, is essential to future party vitality and victory in the State and Congressional Elections in 1942.

We need strong party organizations in the two major cities buttressing the long and faithful work of rural democracy to insure party victory - a situation demanded by all faithful Democrats. We are growing daily in Kansas City and have the confidence of the people of Jackson County. The result of the last election in Jackson County once again proves that Jackson County is predominately Democratic and I venture the confident opinion that we will recapture the City Hall in April, 1942. Let every Missouri Democrat do his bit to insure the re-election of Mayor Bernard A. Dickmann next April.

Rumor is rife here following press stories, that our Supreme Court will soon render a decision in the matters pending concerning the contest. This is the time for us to show unbounded courage and fearlessness in the fight that is on our threshold. I urge all true Democrats to stand united and support the present party program. I beseech the Democratic majority in the Legislature to stand unafraid and firm in that effort.

I would like to have your reactions to the contents of this letter.

Yours sincerely,
EP Donnelly
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