

## PENDERGAST IS MISSOURI 'KING' OF DEMOCRATS

His State-Wide Machine Is Tammany of West, Stokes Says.

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hell-raising farm leader, Bill Hirth, president of the Missouri Farmers Federation, is making open warfare on "boss-ism."

Mr. Hirth is seeking the Democratic nomination for Governor against Lloyd C. Stark, the biggie grower of Louisiana, Mo., who has been endorsed by Mr. Pendergast. Though conceded no chance, the farm leader probably will burn the ears of the Pendergast machine.

That machine is sort of a Tammany of the Middle West, but the New Yorkers might learn a trick or two from Boss Pendergast. He controls the Governor, Guy B. Park, is master of the election machinery from top to bottom, has friends on the Supreme Court and allies in St. Louis, and can turn out astounding majorities in this city.

Rise Has Been Gradual

His rise has been gradual and skillful, for it was only comparatively recently that he began to extend his control over the state. A Republican Governor vetoed a redistricting bill and all congressmen had to run at large in 1930. Because Mr. Pendergast had in his pocket the largest single block of votes, all the Democratic congressional candidates ran to him, bat in hand, and he bestowed his blessing.

Another opportunity came four years ago when, on the eve of the election, the Democratic candidate for Governor died. It was up to the Democratic State Committee to select a candidate in the emergency and Mr. Pendergast chose Mr. Park, an obscure circuit judge.

Now, with a national election coming on, Postmaster General Farley will treat with Mr. Pendergast just as he will have to treat with Tammany.

Works Like Tammany

Like Tammany, the Pendergast machine has won popular favor by small charities—coal, firewood, baskets of food, and little courtesies that the policeman on the beat can extend. Ward captains are alert to such opportunities.

The boss, now 62, is a wealthy man. He has numerous business interests, headed up by the Ready-Mix Concrete Co., of which he is vice president, which receives numerous city contracts. There are various affiliated concerns, such as the Ross Construction Co., of which he is president; Mid-West Paving Co., which has laid lots of streets here, and the T. J. Pendergast Distributing Co., which moves its liquor into numerous channels.

His enemies assert that it is best to buy building materials from the Pendergast interests, and contribute to campaign funds when called upon, or else city inspectors of various sorts may find that things are not up to specifications.

Machine Attacked Constantly

The machine is constantly under attack and it has had its setbacks. For instance, young Senator Bennett Champ Clark gave it a tremendous drubbing in 1932 when he defeated the Pendergast choice for the Democratic senatorial nomination. But the Senator is supposed now to be in the Pendergast camp.

In the city election of 1934, a bunch of youngsters organized a Fusion movement that rolled up a surprising vote and won two of the eight places in the City Council. They relate some interesting stories of their fight.

Seeking a citizens' committee of 500, they finally rounded up 300. Right and left, they relate, leading citizens expressed fear of Pendergast reprisals. Then the names of the 300 were published, and frantic phone calls came to headquarters to drop this name or that.

Funds Were Hard to Raise

Difficulty was encountered in raising funds. One business man told the solicitors he was afraid to be identified openly with their movement, but if they would come back later they would find an envelope on his desk. So it turned out.

Workers rounded up 39,000 affidavits that persons supposed to live in certain places did not live there. Election boards struck off 19,000, leaving 24,000, and then the court ordered 25,000 names put back on the list, a net loss for the young-sters of 1000.

The Pendergast machine of today was founded by Jim Pendergast, brother of Tom. Jim died in 1911. The two came here from St. Joseph. Jim opened a saloon in the old "west bottoms" along the Kansas border, part of the First Ward, a section with a large foreign population.

Tom Extended It

The present boss extended it beyond the First Ward to the whole city in the early twenties when the city government was changed to the city manager plan. He won a majority of one in the council which elected the city manager, W. F. McElroy, who still holds that position.

Mr. Pendergast lives with his family in a handsome mansion on Ward-pkwy. He leads a quiet, unostentatious life. He never is seen at social gatherings or at the theater. He does not smoke, drink or chew.

But he does love horse racing and frequents the track at Riverside, across the river, during the season, and also visits eastern tracks. He is said to bet large sums.

Politics is his life.

Early in the morning—he goes to bed at 9 and rises at dawn—the portly figure may be seen entering the Jackson County Democratic Club, a plain two-story building where he pulls the switch which runs a state.

Legion Post to See Plant

Members of the Hayward-Barnes Post, American Legion, and their families, are to meet at 7:45 Thursday at the 40 and 8 chateau from where they are to leave for a sightseeing tour of the G. & J. Tire Co. plant, 549 E. Georgia-st.

Dental Examinations Start

Dental examinations of 1300 Eli Lilly & Co. employees were under way today as a start in the new free diagnostic service of the Indianapolis Dental Society.

## The Bachelor Prince Who Became King

BY FRAZIER HUNT

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walk and entered the long room. It was the Prince—the King of today.

AI in a flutter, the head of the club hurried toward the Prince. She shook hands with him and thanked him for coming. He spoke a moment or two with her and then moved directly on to the various small groups.

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Off he went. When he returned, those who had sent him knew that in the young Prince they had an asset that was beyond all calculation. He had recompensed the British Empire. He had smiled his way into the heart of the world.

OTHER trips followed: Australia and New Zealand, South Africa, India, Japan, West Africa, South America, the United States, with more trips to Canada. The Prince was a busy man.

Not only had he developed into a master salesman for Empire sentiment and loyalty, but he had become the world's greatest salesman for British goods. He was called the Prince of Sales.

Then in the late fall of 1928, when he was on a private hunting trip to East Africa, came the word of his father's serious illness. Back in London he found new duties and vastly increased responsibilities.

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At 41, he approaches middle age with a new calmness and fresh assurance. He knows now what it is all about. I know of no man who has such marvelous memories, such fascinating "souvenirs" of life.

He has seen all the beautiful, romantic, and dizzy world.

He still fusses with his tie at long-drawn-out ceremonies, but he is far less nervous than some years ago. His temper still can flare up to a white heat. He is less patient with bairns, but I would say he is even more considerate and more thoughtful.

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being born heir to the greatest empire in the world.

He has made the court and crown and the world accept him as a human being full of the weaknesses and frailties that go to make man the lovable and irresistible creature that he is.

TOMORROW — King Edward VIII's early years under the eyes of Queen Victoria . . . the beginning of his education . . . irreverent school mates dub him "the Sardine" . . . his naval training is started.

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## STATE TAX IDEA INSPIRES STUDY IN CALIFORNIA

Leroy Sanders to Explain Indiana System to Western Officials.

An Indiana man has been given a quasi-official appointment as tax adviser to the state of California, it was learned today.

He is Leroy Sanders, Covington, former attorney for the state gross income tax division, who has been retained by the organized motion picture producers at a large daily salary plus expenses.

Selection of Mr. Sanders, with Gov. McNutt's approval, came as the result of overtures by Will H. Hays, motion picture industry dictator, it was learned.

Indiana Plan to Be Explained

Already in Sacramento, Mr. Sanders is to explain all features of the Indiana tax setup to Gov. Henry Merriam of California, and the latter's advisors.

California's movie magnates and other business leaders say the California tax situation is chaotic, and it is said that Gov. Merriam fears

the motion picture producing companies will carry out their threats to leave the state unless there is a change.

An administration spokesman said the Indiana tax plan has attracted such national attention that a number of distressed states are considering adopting many Indiana ideas and that California has been particularly interested.

A group of California bankers recently came to Indianapolis to confer with Gov. McNutt.

Boasts Huge Reduction

The state administration boasts a \$54,000,000 tax reduction since 1931 resulting in a net \$34,000,000 tax slash through enactment of the gross income tax law, intangibles tax, excise tax and other tax base broadening moves.

The California business and industrial leaders are said to be particularly interested in the manner in which expenditures of local government units are closely supervised by the State Tax Board, and in laws which govern county budgeting.