

Raleigh N.C.

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12 P.M.

My Darling wife - I know you are looking anxiously for a letter from me by the mail tomorrow but somehow, my not being able to go up yesterday has put up with me entirely and I don't feel a bit like writing to you. I had made up my mind certainly, to come up and see you last night but there was to be an important caucus and many were very anxious for me to stay and I could not refuse. I feel lonely enough but I am very anxious to do all I can to get through with the matters of the convention as soon as possible and get at the campaign, and last night's work would have to be done sometime, we shall be very busy this week and you must not look to hear from me unless something special turns up. So as you think best about anything at home only keep as much money as possible in your hands for my caucus if I should need it.

The Congressional

matter is somewhat mixed yet though I think all will be well. There is no knowing. It is pretty much a lottery. — Old Lawson and I had a "set to" here before the nominating convention began. He and Keogh were intent upon ousting Welker and me from our seats in it but concluded after a little feeling about that they had better not try the game. There would have been fun if they had. Lawson insulted us both most shamefully. It is all through the influence of Keogh and Crane. There is nothing like doing a man a favor to make him an enemy.

Tell Harmon to keep everything straight. I think it will be best to let Stafford have the Sheriff's place, but he must promise to appoint Burns a deputy. Don't let the fellows get alarmed all will come right. Carried my Harriestad measure yesterday, but there will be a mighty effort to knock it in the head tomorrow.

Tell Harmon I think he had better

intimate to Pritchett that he can come to the Legislature if he will work hard for me. Stafford must be broached on that subject too. Harmon had better do it. I will not take Burns off - unless he will do it heartily, for we can swing the County without it. I have a man over in Caswell and Person for me.

Give my regards to "the girls" and send word to "sis" that I have a bid for her.

All yours Darling

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